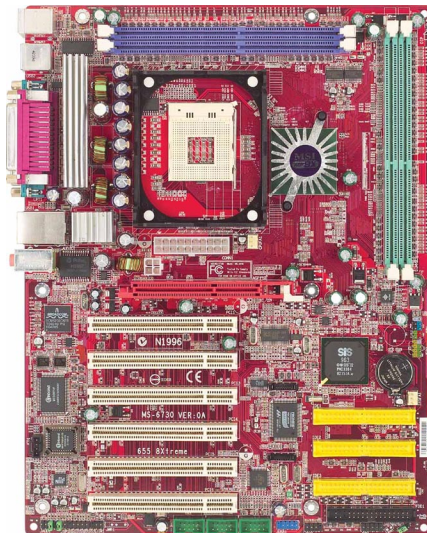




655 Max

MS-6730 (v1.X) ATX Mainboard



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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

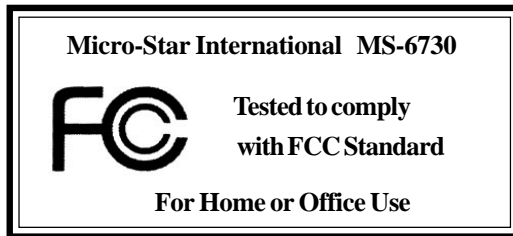
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The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2

Shielded interface cables and A.C. power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

VOIR LA NOTICE D'INSTALLATION AVANT DE RACCORDER AU RESEAU.



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Revision	Revision History	Date
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Safety Instructions

1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating. **Do not cover the openings.**
6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
7. Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
8. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.
11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
 - The power cord or plug is damaged.
 - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
 - The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
 - The equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual.
 - The equipment has dropped and damaged.
 - The equipment has obvious sign of breakage.
12. **Do not leave this equipment in an environment unconditioned, storage temperature above 60° C (140°F), it may damage the equipment.**



CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

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Getting Started

Thank you for purchasing 655 Max (MS-6730 v1.X) ATX mainboard. The 655 Max is based on **SiS® 655 & SiS® 963** chipsets and provides 6 USB 2.0 ports for high-speed data transmission, three 1394 pinheaders for 1394-spec devices, and one SPDIF pinheader for digital audio transmission. With all these special designs, the 655 Max delivers a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

Mainboard Specifications

CPU

- Support Intel® P4 processor (Willamette 478 and Northwood 478) with 400/533 MHz (100/133 MHz QDIR).
- Support from 1.3 to 3.06 GHz and up.
- Support Hyper-Threading Technology

Chipset

- SiS® 655 chipset
 - Support Intel® Pentium 4 processor with data transfer rate up to 533MHz
 - Supports Dual channel / DDR 333 / DDR 266 memory controller
 - Supports AGP 8x/4x interface at 0.8v or 4x at 1.5v with fast write transaction
 - Supports bi-directional 16-bit data bus with 1GHz bandwidth MuTIO/L
- SiS® 963 chipset. (371 pin BGA)
 - Supports Dual-IDE ATA 66/100/133
 - Integrated audio controller with AC97 interface
 - Low pin count interface for SIO
 - Advanced power management and PC2001 compliance

Main Memory

- Supports four unbuffered DIMM of 2.5 Volt DDR SDRAM.
- Supports up to 4GB memory size without EEC.
- Supports Dual channel 200/266/333 MHz and up.

Slots

- One AGP 50 Watts slot supports 8x/4x at 0.8V (AGP 3.0) or 4x at 1.5V (does not support 3.3V)
- Six PCI v2.2 32-bit Master PCI Bus slots.

On-Board IDE

- Dual IDE controllers integrated in SiS 963.
- Support PIO, Bus Master, Ultra DMA66/100/133 operation.
- Can connect up to four IDE devices.

Promise 20376 On-Board (Optional)

- Supports 2 serial ATA plus / ATA 133.
 - RAID 0 or 1 is supported.

- RAID function work w/ATA 133 + SATA H/D or 2 SATA HD.
- Connect up to 2 SATA devices and 1 ATA 133 devices.

On-Board Peripherals

- On-Board Peripherals include:
 - 1 floppy port supports 2 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88 Mbytes.
 - 2 serial ports (COM A + COM B)
 - 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode
 - 6 USB 2.0 ports (Rear * 4 / Front * 2)
 - 1 Line-In/Line-Out/Mic-In port
 - 2 PS/2 connectors
 - 1 RJ-45 LAN connector

Bluetooth

- 1 PC2PC Bluetooth connector for WLAN connection.

Audio

- AC97 link controller integrated in SiS 963.
- 6 channels software audio codec C-Media 9739A.
 - Compliance with AC97 v2.2 Spec.
 - Meet PC2001 audio performance requirement.
 - Can support SPDIF Out via S-Bracket only.

LAN (Optional)

- Broadcom 4401
 - Integrated 10/100 Ethernet MAC and PHY in one chip.
 - Supports 10Mb/s and 100Mb/s auto-negotiation operation.
 - Compliance with PCI v2.2, mini PCI 1.0 and LAN on Motherboard (LOM) standard.
- Or
- Broadcom 5702
 - Integrated Gigabit Ethernet MAC and PHY transceiver, auto-negotiation operation..

- Supports single-port 10MB/s, 100MB/s and 1000MB/s BAST-T application.
- Compliance with PCI v2.2, mini PCI 1.0 and LAN on Motherboard (LOM) standard.

BIOS

- The mainboard BIOS provides “Plug & Play” BIOS which detects the peripheral devices and expansion cards of the board automatically.
- 2Mb AMI BIOS w/ PnP, ACPI, SMBIOS 2.3, Green and Boot Block
 - Provides DMI2.0, WfM2.0, WOL, WOR, chassis intrusion, and SMBus for system management

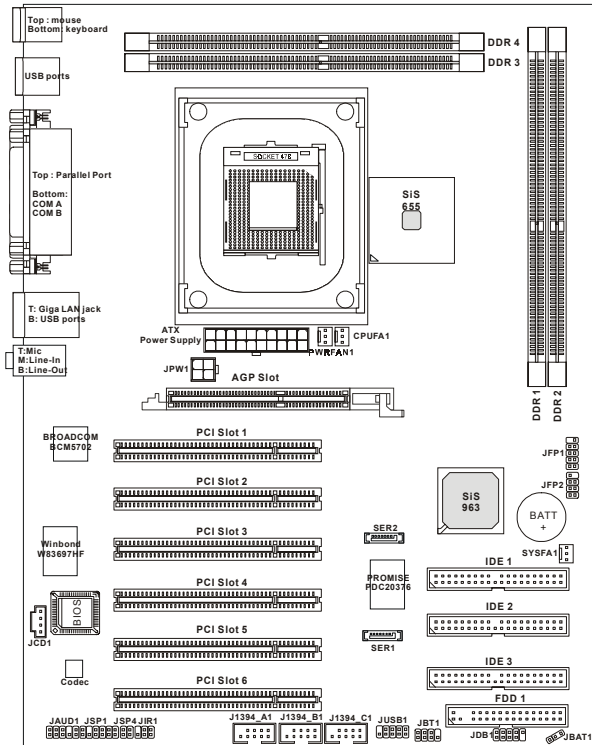
Dimension

- ATX Form Factor: 30.5 cm (L) x 23.5 cm (W).

Mounting

- 6 mounting holes.

Mainboard Layout



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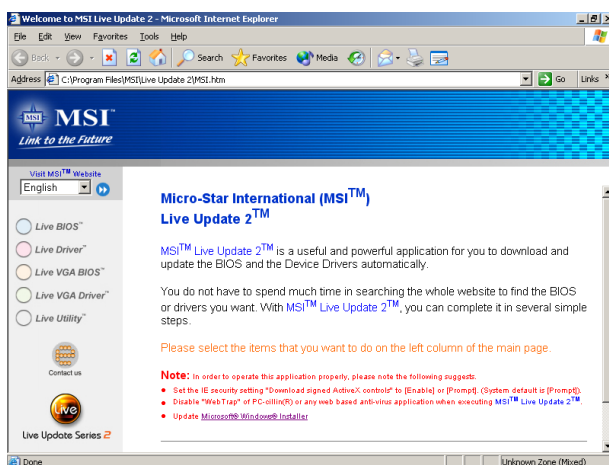
MSI Special Features

Live BIOS™/Live Driver™

The Live BIOS™/Live Driver™ is a tool used to detect and update your BIOS/drivers online so that you don't need to search for the correct BIOS/driver version throughout the Web site. To use the function, you need to install the "MSI Live Update 2" application. After the installation, the "MSI Live Update 2" icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen.



Double click the "MSI Live Update 2" icon, and the following screen will appear:



Five buttons are placed on the leftmost pane of the screen. Click the desired button to start the update process.


- **Live BIOS** – Updates the BIOS online.
- **Live Driver** – Updates the drivers online.
- **Live VGA BIOS** – Updates the VGA BIOS online.
- **Live VGA Driver** – Updates the VGA driver online.
- **Live Utility** – Updates the utilities online.

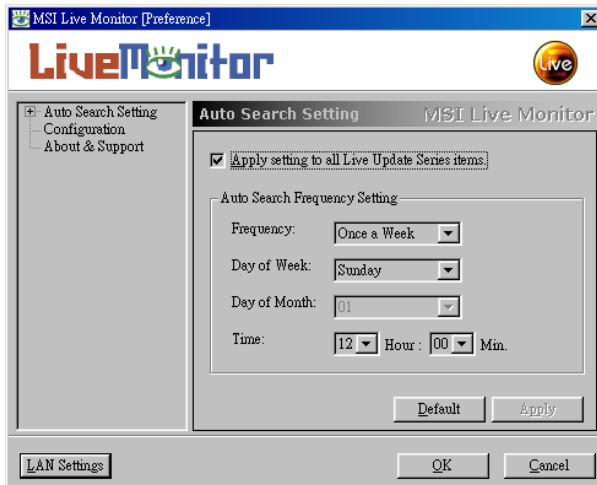
If the product you purchased does not support any of the functions listed above, a "sorry" message is displayed. For more information on the update instructions, insert the companion CD and refer to the "Live Update Guide" under the "Manual" Tab.

Live Monitor™

The Live Monitor™ is a tool used to schedule the search for the latest BIOS/drivers version on the MSI Web site. To use the function, you need to install the “MSI Live Update Series 2” application. After the installation, the “MSI Live Monitor” icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen. Double click this icon to run the application.



Double click the “MSI Live Monitor” icon  at the lower-right corner of the taskbar, and the following dialog box will appear. You can specify how often the system will automatically search for the BIOS/drivers version, or change the LAN settings right from the dialog box.



You can right-click the MSI Live Monitor icon  to perform the functions listed below:

- **Auto Search** – Searches for the BIOS/drivers version you need immediately.
- **View Last Result** – Allows you to view the last search result if there is any.
- **Preference** – Configures the Search function, including the Search schedule.
- **Exit** – Exits the Live Monitor™ application.

D-Bracket™ 2 (Optional)







D-Bracket™ 2 is a USB bracket integrating four Diagnostic LEDs, which use graphic signal display to help users understand their system. The LEDs provide up to 16 combinations of signals to debug the system. The 4 LEDs can detect all problems that fail the system, such as VGA, RAM or other failures. This special feature is very useful for overclocking users. These users can use the feature to detect if there are any problems or failures. D-Bracket™ 2 supports both USB 1.1 & 2.0 spec.

D-Bracket™ 2 for mainboard with bluetooth connector (1 port)













D-Bracket™ 2 for mainboard without bluetooth connector (2 ports)



D-Bracket™ 2	Description
	System Power ON - The D-LED will hang here if the processor is damaged or not installed properly.
	Early Chipset Initialization
	Memory Detection Test - Testing onboard memory size. The D-LED will hang if the memory module is damaged or not installed properly.
	Decompressing BIOS image to RAM for fast booting.
	Initializing Keyboard Controller.
	Testing VGA BIOS - This will start writing VGA sign-on message to the screen.

● Red ○ Green

D-Bracket™ 2	Description
	Processor Initialization - This will show information regarding the processor (like brand name, system bus, etc...)
	Testing RTC (Real Time Clock)
	Initializing Video Interface - This will start detecting CPU clock, checking type of video onboard. Then, detect and initialize the video adapter.
	BIOS Sign On - This will start showing information about logo, processor brand name, etc....
	Testing Base and Extended Memory - Testing base memory from 240K to 640K and extended memory above 1MB using various patterns.
	Assign Resources to all ISA.
	Initializing Hard Drive Controller - This will initialize IDE drive and controller.
	Initializing Floppy Drive Controller - This will initializing Floppy Drive and controller.
	Boot Attempt - This will set low stack and boot via INT 19h.
	Operating System Booting

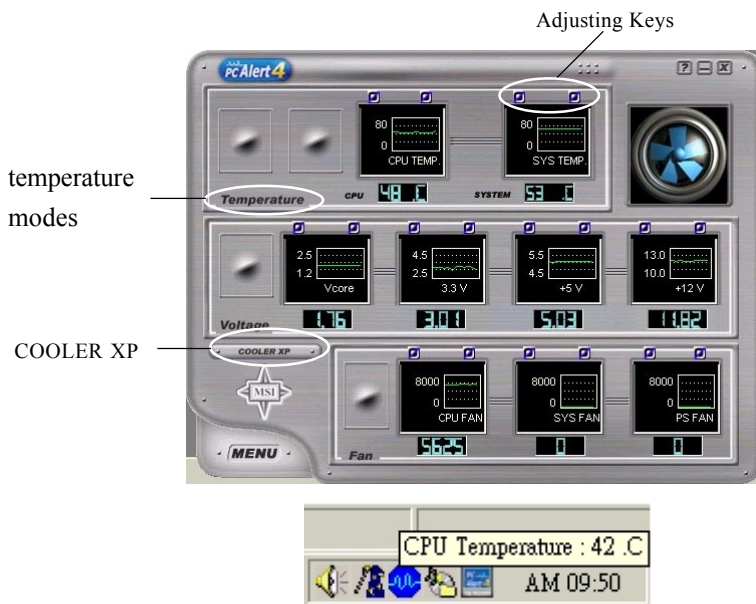
PC Alert™ 4

The PC Alert™ 4 is a utility you can find in the CD-ROM disk. The utility is just like your PC doctor that can detect the following PC hardware status during real time operation:

- ✦ monitor CPU & system temperatures
- ✦ monitor fan speeds
- ✦ monitor system voltages

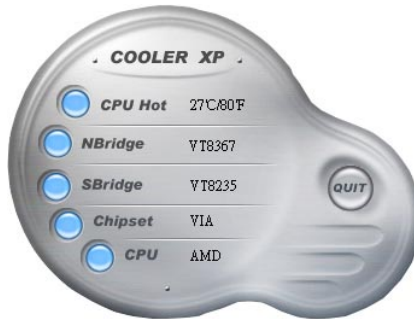


If one of the items above is abnormal, the program main screen will be immediately shown on the screen, with the abnormal item highlighted in red. This will continue to be shown until the condition returns to the normal status.



Users can use the Adjusting Keys to change the minimum and maximum threshold of each item for the system to send out a warning message. Click *Temperature* to select the temperature modes of either Fahrenheit (°F) or Celsius (°C). The PC Alert4 icon on the Status Area will show the current CPU temperature.

To better protect the CPU from overheating, a new feature, **COOLER XP**, has been added to decrease the temperature of AMD Athlon XP CPU. To do so, simply click **COOLER XP** and the screen will show the **Cute** skin (as shown below) with information about the CPU and chipset. Right-click the mouse to select the skin you want to switch to.



Cute



MSI Reminds You...

*The new feature **COOLER XP** will work only if your mainboard supports AMD Athlon XP CPU.*

Items shown on PC Alert 4 vary depending on your system's status.

Fuzzy Logic™4

The *Fuzzy Logic™ 4* utility is a user friendly tool that allows users to view and adjust the current system status. To overclock the CPU FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency under the Windows operating system, click **FSB** and use the right and left arrow keys to select the desired FSB, and then click **Apply** to apply the new setup value. To enable the system running at the specified FSB every time when you click **Turbo**, click **Save** to save the desired FSB first. If you want to know the maximal CPU overclocking value, click **Auto** to start testing. The CPU FSB will automatically increase the testing value until the PC reboots. After rebooting, click **Turbo** to apply the test result. Click **Default** to restore the default values.



Features:

- ✦ MSI Logo links to the MSI Web site
- ✦ CPU Speed allows users to adjust the CPU speed through CPU Multiplier and FSB
- ✦ Voltage allows user to adjust the voltage of CPU/Memory/AGP
- ✦ MSI Info provides information about the mainboard, BIOS and OS
- ✦ CPU Info provides detailed information about the CPU
- ✦ CPU Fan Speed shows the current running speed of CPU Fan
- ✦ CPU Temp. shows the current CPU temperature



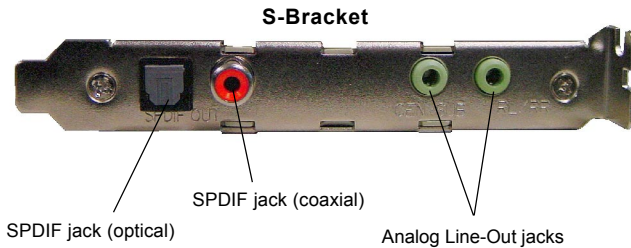
MSI Reminds You...

*To adjust the options under **CPU Speed** and **Voltage**, use the right and left arrow keys to select the desired value and then click **Apply** to run the setup value.*

S-Bracket (Optional)

S-Bracket is a bracket which provides 2 SPDIF jacks for digital audio transmission and 2 analog Line-Out connectors for additional 4-channel analog audio output. With the S-Bracket, your system will be able to perform 6-channel audio operation for wonderful surround sound effect, or connect to Sony & Philips Digital Interface (SPDIF) speakers for audio transmission with better quality.

The S-Bracket offers two types of SPDIF connectors: one for optical fiber and the other for coaxial connection. Select the appropriate one to meet your need. For more information on S-Bracket, refer to *Appendix. Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function.*



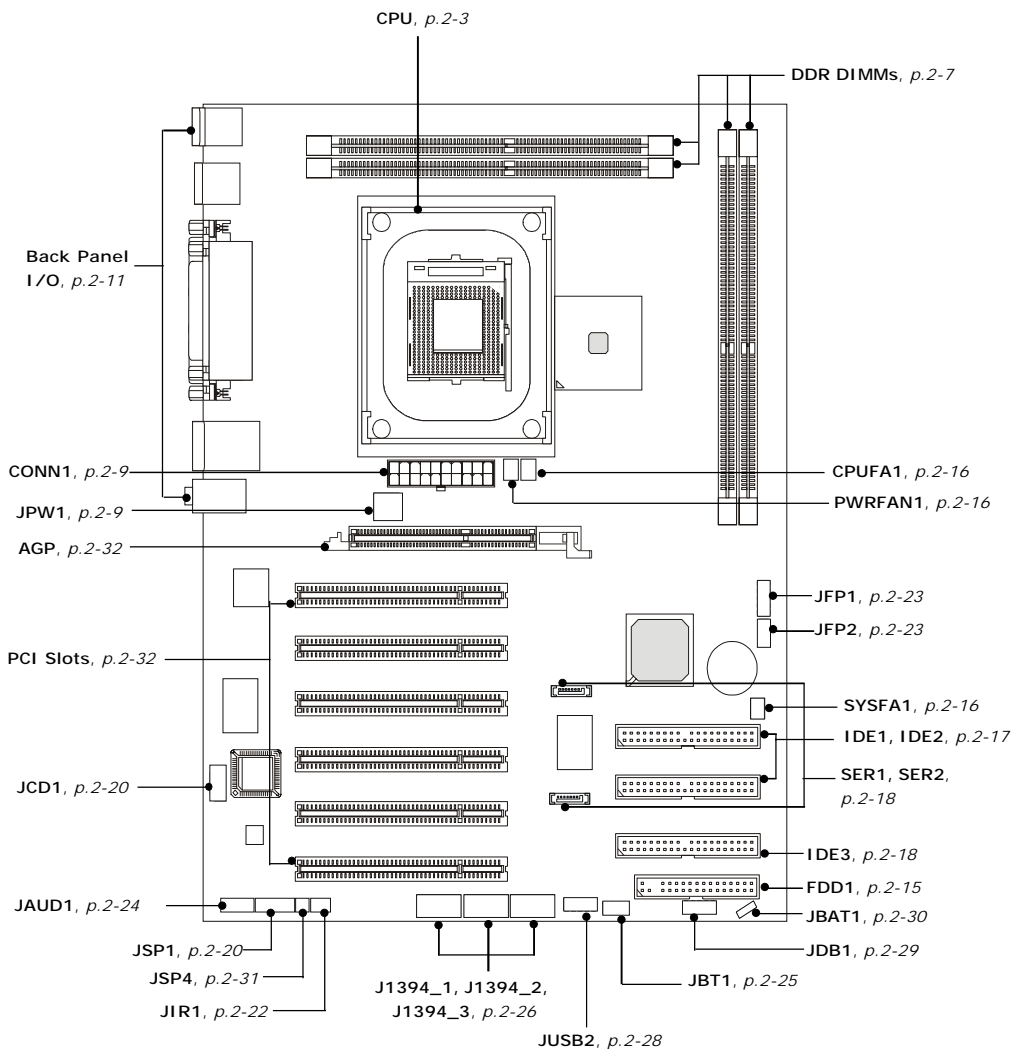
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Hardware Setup

This chapter tells you how to install the CPU, memory modules, and expansion cards, as well as how to setup the jumpers on the mainboard. Also, it provides the instructions on connecting the peripheral devices, such as the mouse, keyboard, etc.

While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures.

Quick Components Guide



Central Processing Unit: CPU

The mainboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 Northwood processor in the 478 pin package. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called PGA478 for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not find the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

If	CPU Clock	=	100MHz
	Core/Bus ratio	=	16
then	CPU core speed	=	Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio
		=	100MHz x 16
		=	1.6 GHz

The relation between CPU FSB and memory SPD

On this 655Max mainboard, the CPU FSB controls the SPD of memory. When the CPU FSB is 400MHz or 533 MHz, you may use DDR200, DDR 266 or DDR 333 for your memory.



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Overheating

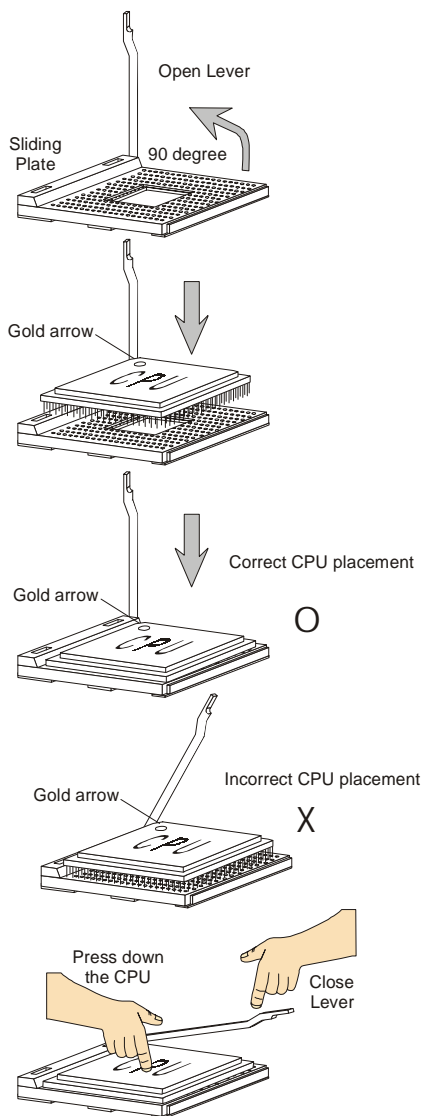
Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system, always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.

Overclocking

This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.

CPU Installation Procedures for Socket 478

1. Please turn off the power and unplug the power cord before installing the CPU.
2. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Make sure to raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.
3. Look for the gold arrow. The gold arrow should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU can only fit in the correct orientation.
4. If the CPU is correctly installed, the pins should be completely embedded into the socket and can not be seen. Please note that any violation of the correct installation procedures may cause permanent damages to your mainboard.
5. Press the CPU down firmly into the socket and close the lever. As the CPU is likely to move while the lever is being closed, always close the lever with your fingers pressing tightly on top of the CPU to make sure the CPU is properly and completely embedded into the socket.

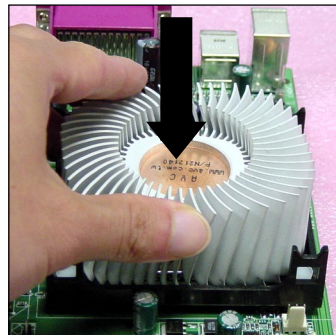
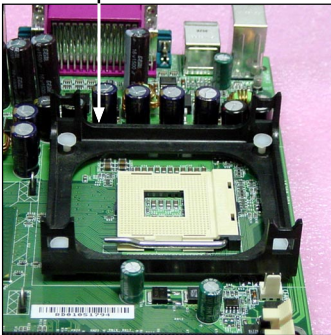


Installing the CPU Fan

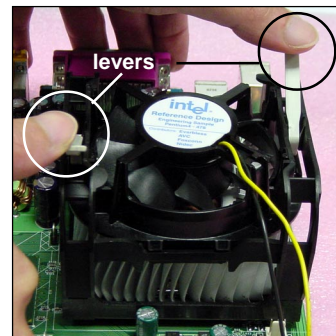
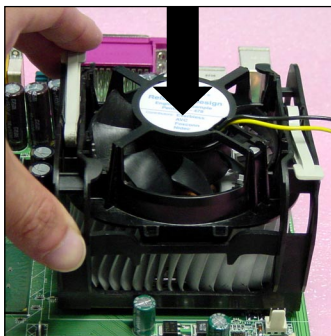
As processor technology pushes to faster speeds and higher performance, thermal management becomes increasingly important. To dissipate heat, you need to attach the CPU cooling fan and heatsink on top of the CPU. Follow the instructions below to install the Heatsink/Fan:

1. Locate the CPU and its retention mechanism on the motherboard.
2. Position the heatsink onto the retention mechanism.

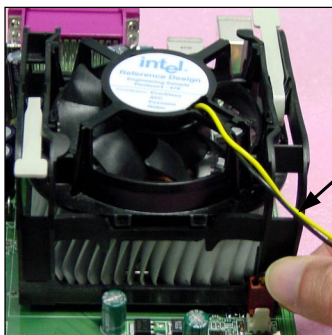
retention mechanism



3. Mount the fan on top of the heatsink. Press down the fan until its four clips get wedged in the holes of the retention mechanism.
4. Press the two levers down to fasten the fan. Each lever can be pressed down in only ONE direction.



5. Connect the fan power cable from the mounted fan to the 3-pin fan power connector on the board.



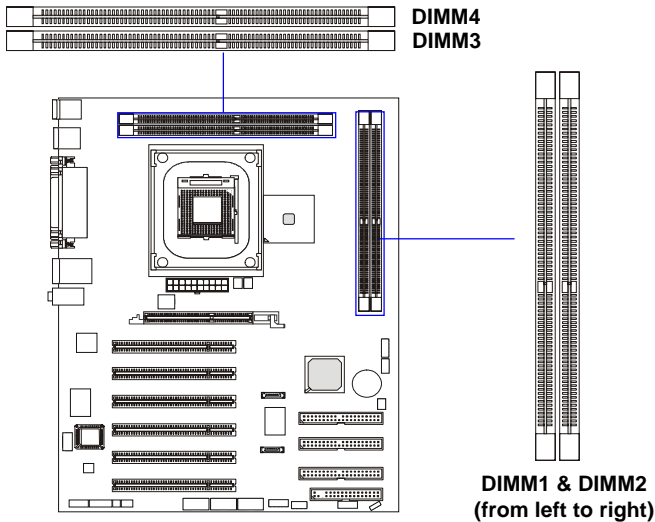
fan power cable



NOTES

Memory

The mainboard provides 4 slots for 184-pin, 2.5V DDR DIMM with 8 memory banks. You can install DDR200/PC1600, DDR266/PC2100 or DDR333/PC2700 DDR SDRAM modules on the DDR DIMM slots (DIMM 1~4). To operate properly, at least one DIMM module must be installed.



Introduction to DDR SDRAM

DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM is similar to conventional SDRAM, but doubles the rate by transferring data twice per cycle. It uses 2.5 volts as opposed to 3.3 volts used in SDR SDRAM, and requires 184-pin DIMM modules rather than 168-pin DIMM modules used by SDR SDRAM. High memory bandwidth makes DDR an ideal solution for high performance PC, workstations and servers.

Dual-Channel DDR Population Rules

Install at least one DIMM module on the slots. Each DIMM slot supports up to a maximum size of 1GB. Users can install either single- or double-sided modules to meet their own needs. This mainboard is dual-channel designed thus you can install your memory DIMM on any slot.

Please refer to the following table for suggested DDR population. The 90-degree style population (in a right angle style) will be with better performance if you want to install more than 1 DIMM.

DIMM1	DIMM2	DIMM3	DIMM4	System Density
128MB~1GB		128MB~1GB		256MB~2GB
128MB~1GB			128MB~1GB	256MB~2GB
	128MB~1GB	128MB~1GB		256MB~2GB
	128MB~1GB		128MB~1GB	256MB~2GB
128MB~1GB	128MB~1GB	128MB~1GB	128MB~1GB	512MB~4GB

Note: The combination of DIMM1 and DIMM3 will be with best performance.

Installing DDR Modules

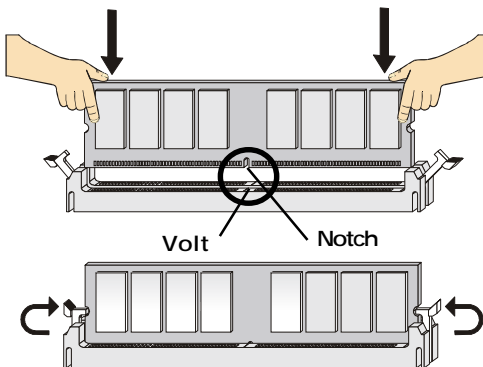
1. The DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The module will only fit in the right orientation.
2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in until the golden finger on the memory module is deeply inserted in the socket.



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You can barely see the golden finger if the module is properly inserted in the socket.

3. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.



Power Supply

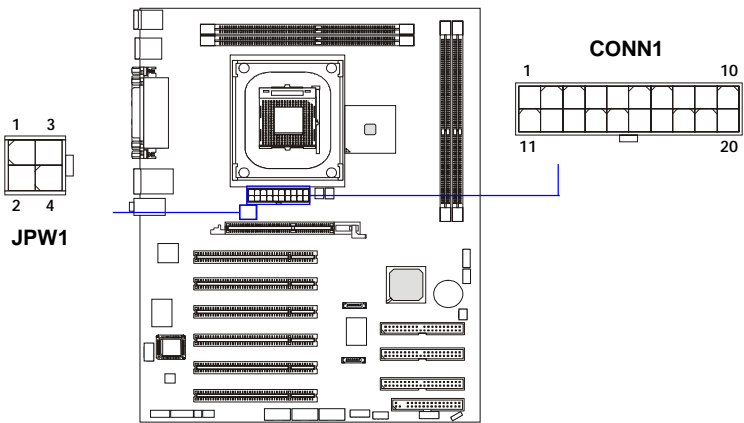
The mainboard supports ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: CONN1

This connector allows you to connect to an ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plug of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector.

ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1

This 12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.



JPW1 Pin Definition

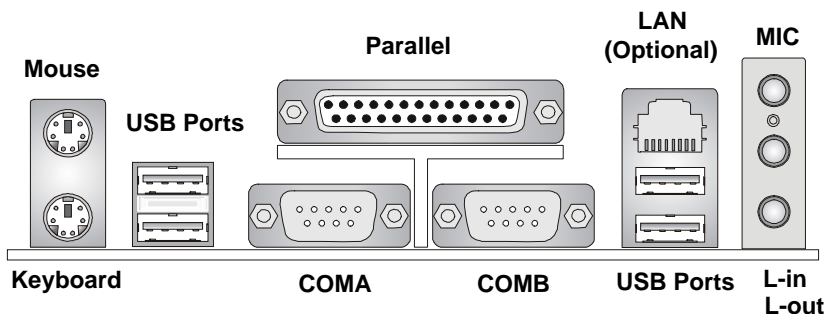
PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND
2	GND
3	12V
4	12V

CONN1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	GND	13	GND
4	5V	14	PS_ON
5	GND	15	GND
6	5V	16	GND
7	GND	17	GND
8	PW_OK	18	-5V
9	5V_SB	19	5V
10	12V	20	5V

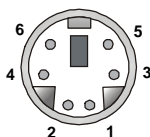
Back Panel

The back panel provides the following connectors:



Mouse Connector

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2[®] mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2[®] mouse. You can plug a PS/2[®] mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:



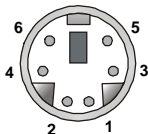
PS/2 Mouse (6-pin Female)

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Mouse DATA	Mouse DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Mouse Clock	Mouse clock
6	NC	No connection

Keyboard Connector

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2® keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2® keyboard. You can plug a PS/2® keyboard directly into this connector.



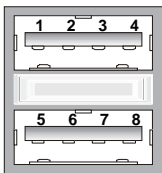
PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Keyboard DATA	Keyboard DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Keyboard Clock	Keyboard clock
6	NC	No connection

USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a UHCI (Universal Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse or other USB-compatible devices. You can plug the USB device directly into the connector.



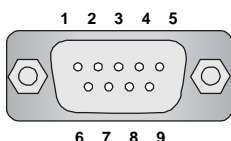
USB Ports

USB Port Description

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	+5V
2	-Data 0	Negative Data Channel 0
3	+Data0	Positive Data Channel 0
4	GND	Ground
5	VCC	+5V
6	-Data 1	Negative Data Channel 1
7	+Data 1	Positive Data Channel 1
8	GND	Ground

Serial Port Connectors: COM A & COM B

The mainboard offers two 9-pin male DIN connectors as serial port COM A. The ports are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to the connectors.



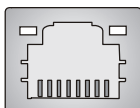
9-Pin Male DIN Connector

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready)
5	GND	Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	RI	Ring Indicate

LAN (RJ-45) Jacks: Giga-bit LAN

The mainboard provides a standard RJ-45 jacks for connection to Local Area Network (LAN). Giga-bit LAN enables data to be transferred at 1000, 100 or 10Mbps. You can connect a network cable to either LAN jack.



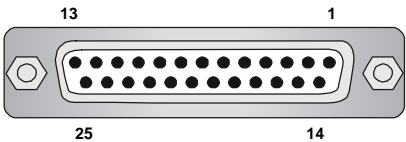
RJ-45 LAN Jack

Giga-bit LAN Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	D0P	Differential Pair 0+
2	D0N	Differential Pair 0-
3	D1P	Differential Pair 1+
4	D2P	Differential Pair 2+
5	D2N	Differential Pair 2-
6	D1N	Differential Pair 1-
7	D3P	Differential Pair 3+
8	D3N	Differential Pair 3-

Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female centronic connector as LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.



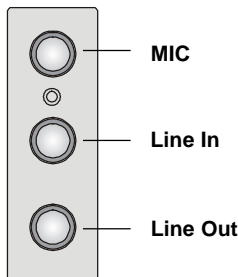
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	STROBE	Strobe
2	DATA0	Data0
3	DATA1	Data1
4	DATA2	Data2
5	DATA3	Data3
6	DATA4	Data4
7	DATA5	Data5
8	DATA6	Data6
9	DATA7	Data7
10	ACK#	Acknowledge
11	BUSY	Busy
12	PE	Paper End
13	SELECT	Select
14	AUTO FEED#	Automatic Feed
15	ERR#	Error
16	INIT#	Initialize Printer
17	SLIN#	Select In
18	GND	Ground
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground
21	GND	Ground
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	GND	Ground
25	GND	Ground

Audio Port Connectors

Line Out is a connector for Speakers or Headphones. **Line In** is used for external CD player, Tape player, or other audio devices. **Mic** is a connector for microphones.

1/8" Stereo Audio Connectors



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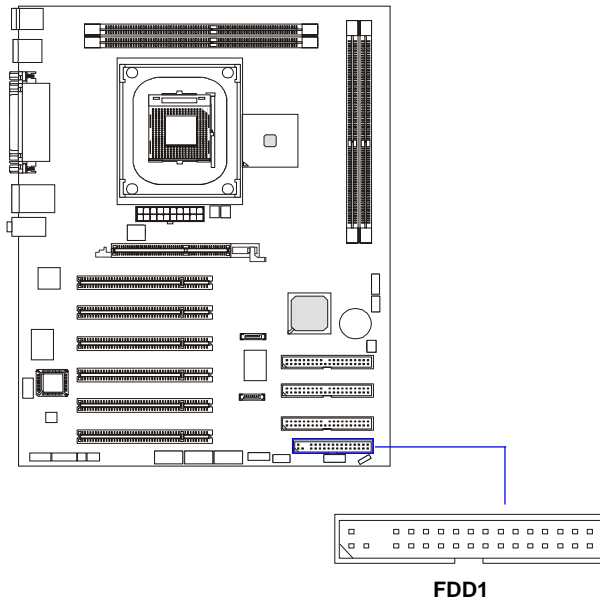
*For advanced audio application, CMedia 9739A is provided to offer support for **6-channel audio operation** and can turn rear audio connectors from 2-channel to 4-/6-channel audio. For more information on **6-channel audio operation**, please refer to Appendix. Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function.*

Connectors

The mainboard provides connectors to connect to FDD, IDE HDD, case, modem, LAN, USB Ports, IR module and CPU/System/Power Supply FAN.

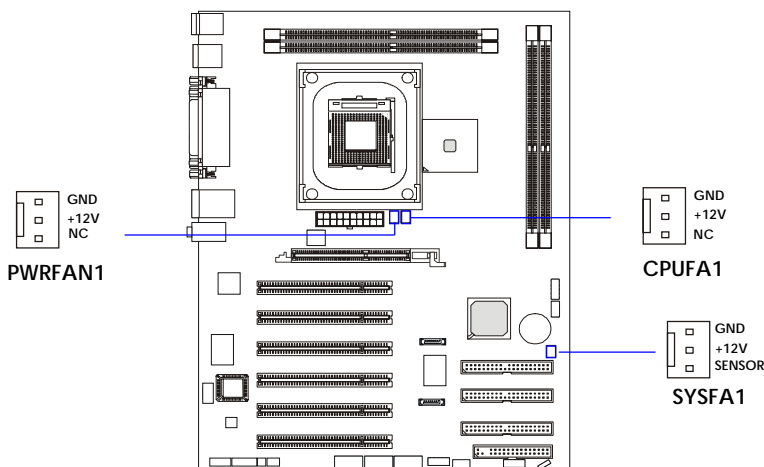
Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

The mainboard provides a standard floppy disk drive connector that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.



Fan Power Connectors: CPUFA1/SYSFA/PWRFAN1 (Optional)

The CPUFA1 (processor fan), SYSFA1 (system fan) and the optional PWRFAN1 (Northbridge fan) support system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three-pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.



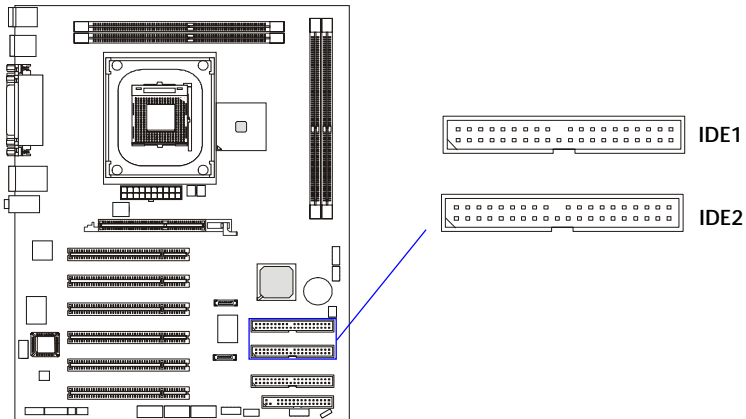
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1. Always consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.
2. CPUFA1 supports the fan control. You can install the PC Alert utility that will automatically control the CPU fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.
3. The PWRFAN1 is available only when your mainboard is with Northbridge heatsink installed.

ATA133 Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 controller that provides PIO mode 0~5, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 function. You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy and other devices.

The Ultra ATA133 interface boosts data transfer rates between the computer and the hard drive up to 133 megabytes (MB) per second. The new interface is one-third faster than earlier record-breaking Ultra ATA/100 technology and is backwards compatible with the existing Ultra ATA interface.



IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

IDE2 (Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.



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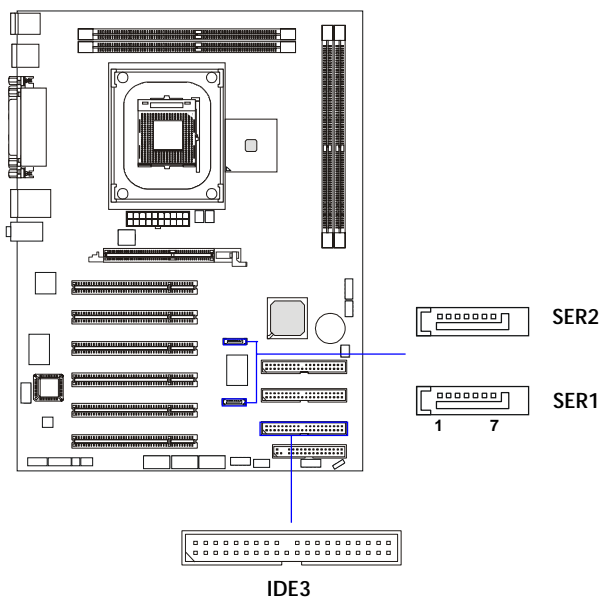
If you install two hard disks on cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.

Hard Disk RAID Connectors: IDE3, SER1 & SER2 (Optional)

The mainboard has one IDE and two serial connectors, which are controlled by Promise 20376.

IDE3 is a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 controller that provides PIO mode 0~5, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA 66/100/133 function. You can connect up to 1 hard disk drive, and you must connect it to a master drive.

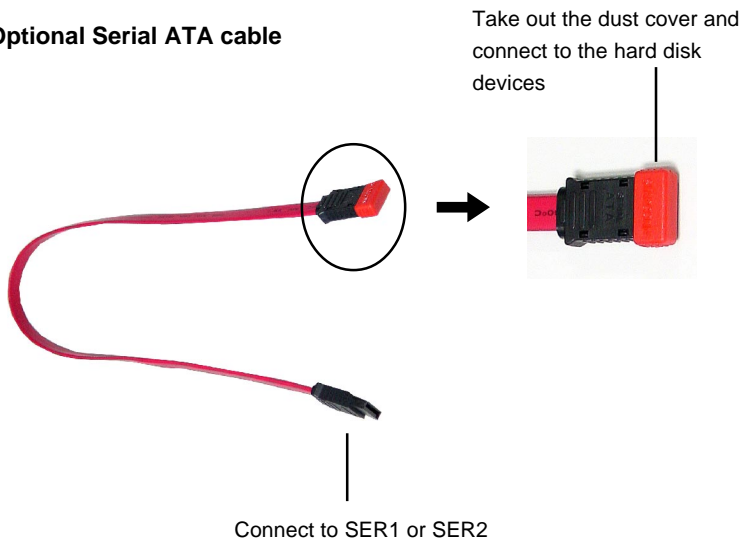
The mainboard also provides optional dual high-speed Serial ATA interface ports, SER1 & SER2. Each supports 1st generation serial ATA data rates of 150 MB/s. Both connectors are fully compliant with Serial ATA 1.0 specifications. Each Serial ATA connector can connect to 1 hard disk device. Please refer to *Serial ATA Raid* manual for detail software installation procedure.



SER1 & SER2 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND	2	TXP
3	TXN	4	GND
5	RXN	6	RXP
7	GND		

Optional Serial ATA cable



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Please do not fold the serial ATA cable in a 90-degree angle, which will cause the loss of data during the transmission.

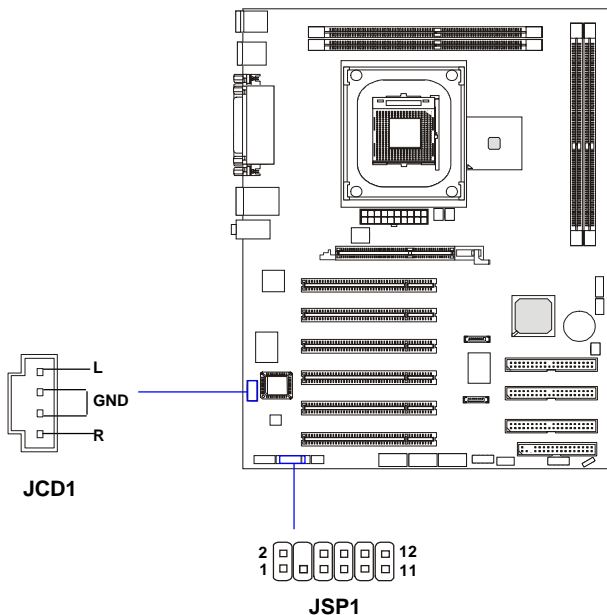
CD-In Connector: JCD1

The connector is for CD-ROM audio connector.

S-Bracket (SPDIF) Connector: JSP1 (Optional)

The connector allows you to connect a S-Bracket for Sony & Philips Digital Interface (SPDIF). The S-Bracket offers 2 SPDIF jacks for digital audio transmission (one for optical fiber connection and the other for coaxial), and 2 analog Line-Out jacks for 4-channel audio output.

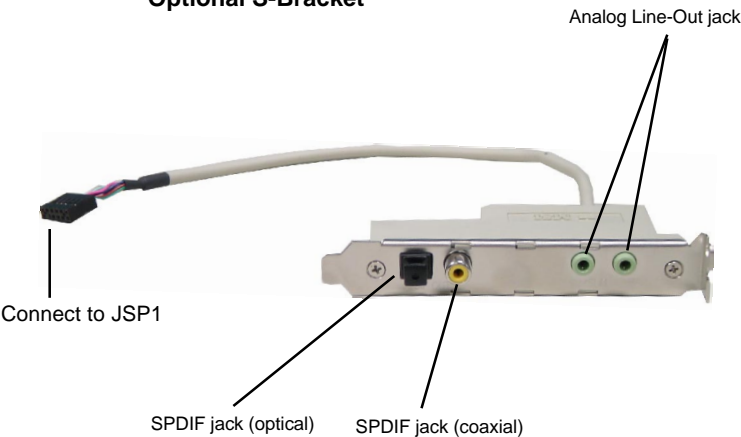
To attach the fiber-optic cable to optical SPDIF jack, you need to remove the plug from the jack first. The two SPDIF jacks support *SPDIF output* only. For more information on the S-Bracket, refer to *Appendix: Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function*.



JSP1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC5	VCC 5V	2	VDD3	VDD 3.3V
3	SPDFO	S/PDIF output	4	(No Pin)	Key
5	GND	Ground	6	SPDFI	S/PDIF input
7	LFE-OUT	Audio bass output	8	SOUT-R	Audio right surrounding output
9	CET-OUT	Audio center output	10	SOUT-L	Audio left surrounding output
11	GND	Ground	12	GND	Ground

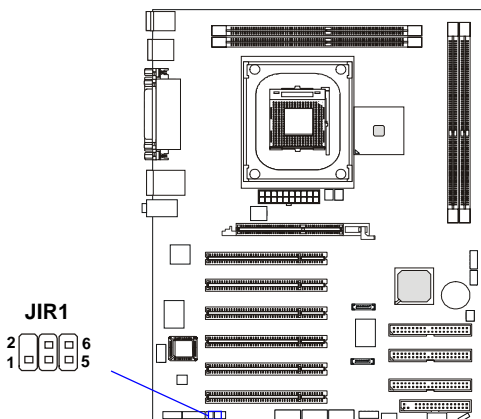
Optional S-Bracket



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Before connecting to the S-Bracket, be sure to remove the JSP4 jumpers (see p.2-31 for details) and power off the system first, then you are able to attach your S-Bracket to the JSP1 connector. Your mainboard may be damaged seriously if not following the instruction above.

IrDA Infrared Module Header: JIR1

The connector allows you to connect to IrDA Infrared module. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function. JIR1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

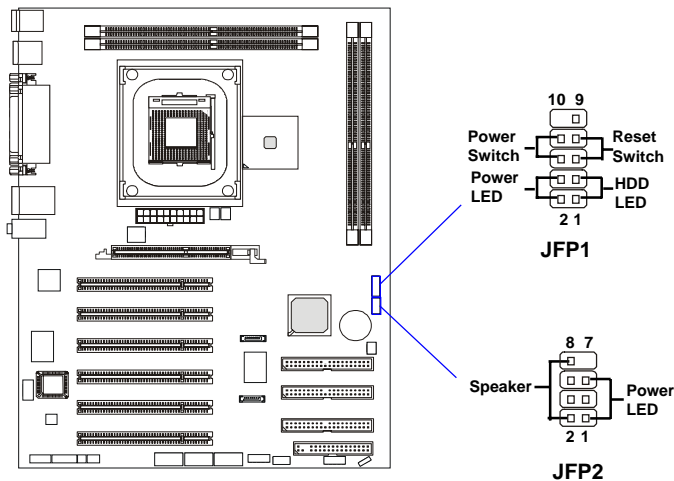


JIR1 Pin Definition

Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	NC
3	VCC5
4	GND
5	IRTX
6	IRRX

Front Panel Connectors: JFP1 & JFP2

The mainboard provides two front panel connectors for electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs. JFP1 is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



JFP1 Pin Definition

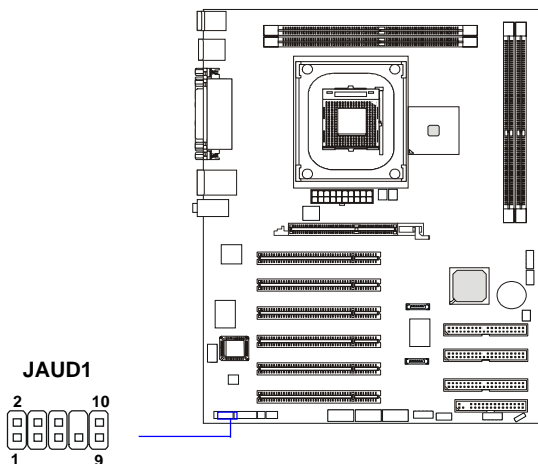
PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED pull-up
2	FP_PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk active LED
4	FP_PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch high reference pull-up
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch high reference pull-up
8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.

JFP2 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND	2	SPK-
3	SLED	4	BUZ+
5	PLED	6	BUZ-
7	NC	8	SPK+

Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1

The JAUD1 front panel audio connector allows you to connect to the front panel audio and is compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



JAUD1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	AUD_MIC	Front panel microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by analog audio circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by analog audio circuits
5	AUD_FPOUT_R	Right channel audio signal to front panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right channel audio signal return from front panel
7	HP_ON	Reserved for future use to control headphone amplifier
8	KEY	No pin
9	AUD_FPOUT_L	Left channel audio signal to front panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left channel audio signal return from front panel



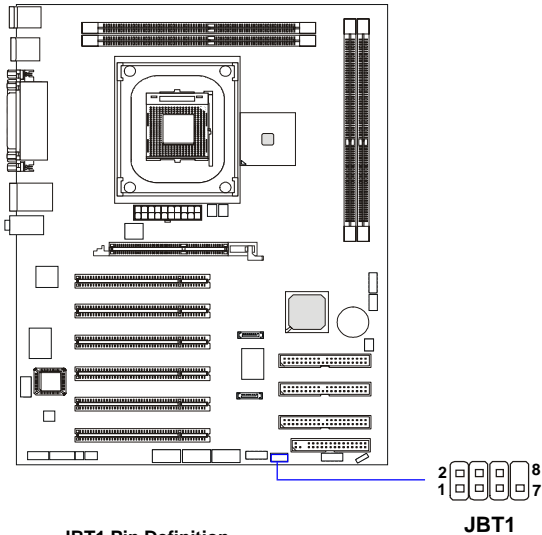
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If you don't want to connect to the front audio header, pins 5 & 6, 9 & 10 have to be jumpered in order to have signal output directed to the rear audio ports. Otherwise, the Line-Out connector on the back panel will not function.



Bluetooth Connector: JBT1 (Optional)

This connector is used to connect a bluetooth module for wireless connection.



JBT1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	5VDUAL	2	3VDUAL
3	D+ (USB signal)	4	GND
5	D- (USB signal)	6	GND
7	GND	8	NC

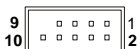
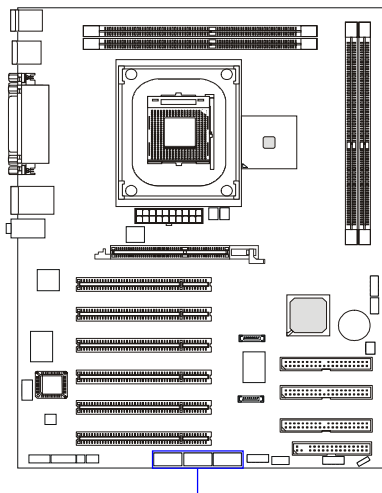


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Because the bluetooth connector shares the USB interface with blue-colored USB2.0 connector, one of the USB2.0 port (see instruction on the cable) will not function when you attach a bluetooth module to this connector.

IEEE 1394 Connectors: J1394_A1, J1394_B2, J1394_C3 (Optional)

The mainboard provides three 1394 pin headers that allow you to connect optional IEEE 1394 ports.

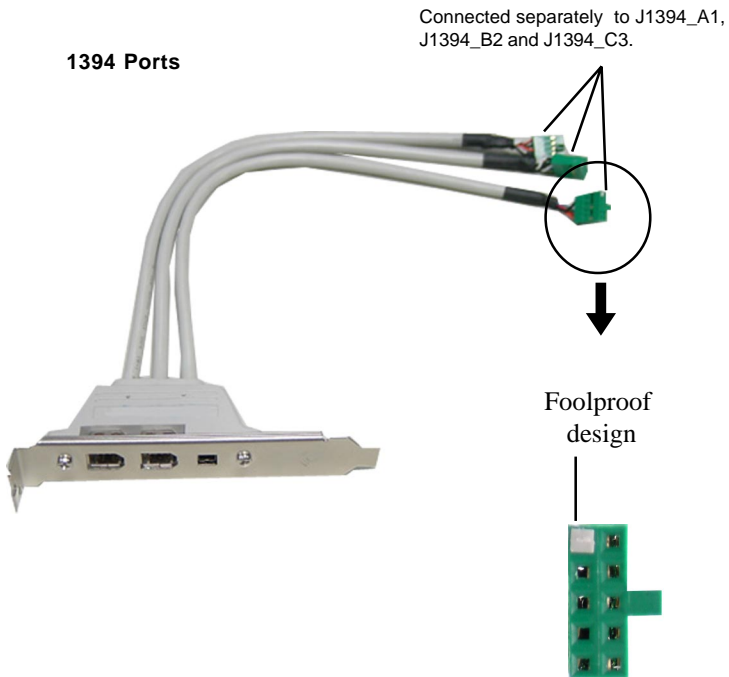


J1394_A1, J1394_B2, J1394_C3
(from left to right)

J1394 Pin Definition

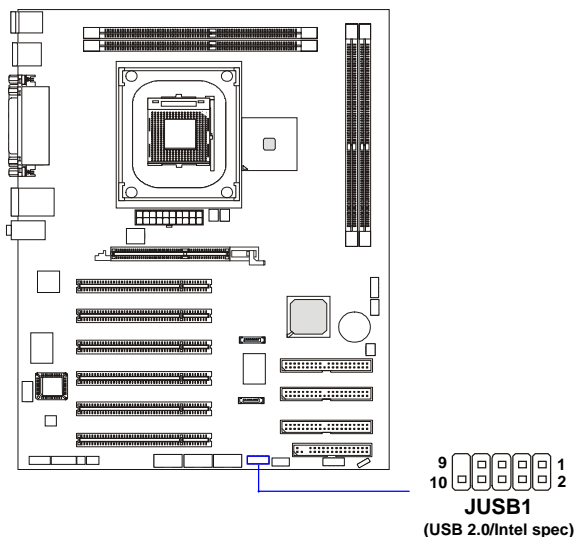
PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	TPA+	2	TPA-
3	Ground	4	Ground
5	TPB+	6	TPB-
7	Cable power	8	Cable power
9	Key (no pin)	10	Ground

How to attach the IEEE 1394 Port:



Front USB Connectors: JUSB1

The mainboard provides one USB 2.0 pin header *JUSB1* that is compliant with Intel® I/O Connectivity Design Guide. USB 2.0 technology increases data transfer rate up to a maximum throughput of 480Mbps, which is 40 times faster than USB 1.1, and is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals such as **USB HDD, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modems and the like.**

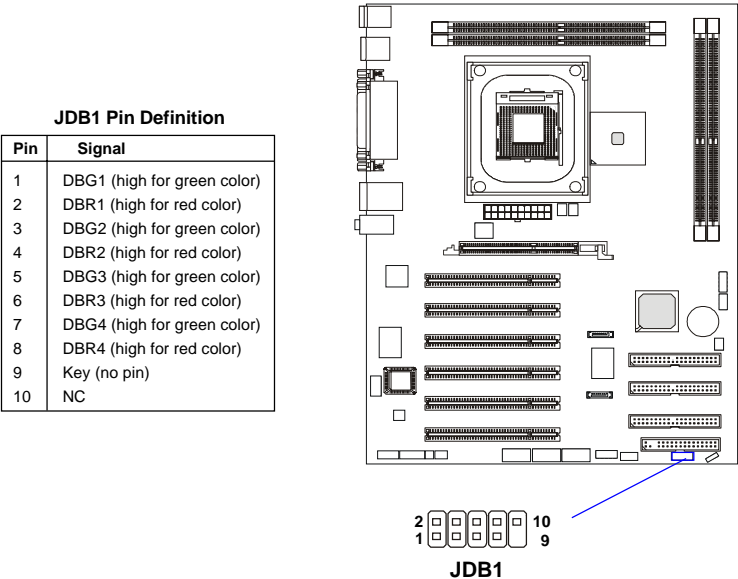


JUSB1 Pin Definition

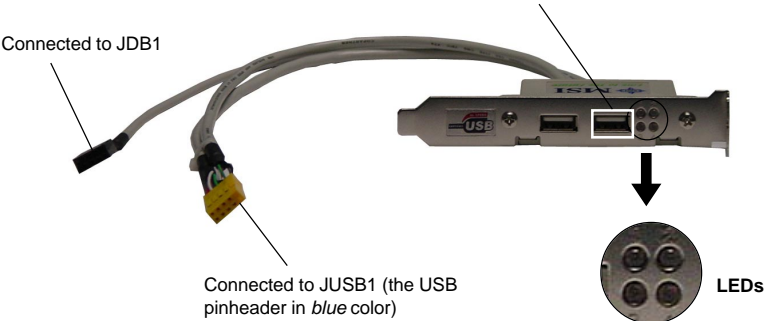
PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	USB0-	4	USB1-
5	USB0+	6	USB1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	Key (no pin)	10	USBOC

D-Bracket™ 2 Connector: JDB1 (Optional)

The mainboard comes with a JDB1 connector for you to connect to D-Bracket™ 2. D-Bracket™ 2 is a USB Bracket that supports both USB1.1 & 2.0 spec. It integrates four LEDs and allows users to identify system problem through 16 various combinations of LED signals. For definitions of 16 signal combinations, please refer to *D-Bracket™ 2* in Chapter 1.



Depending on the optional bracket you buy, please note there might be a Bluetooth Sticker to cover the right port, which marks ***Do not remove, when using bluetooth***.

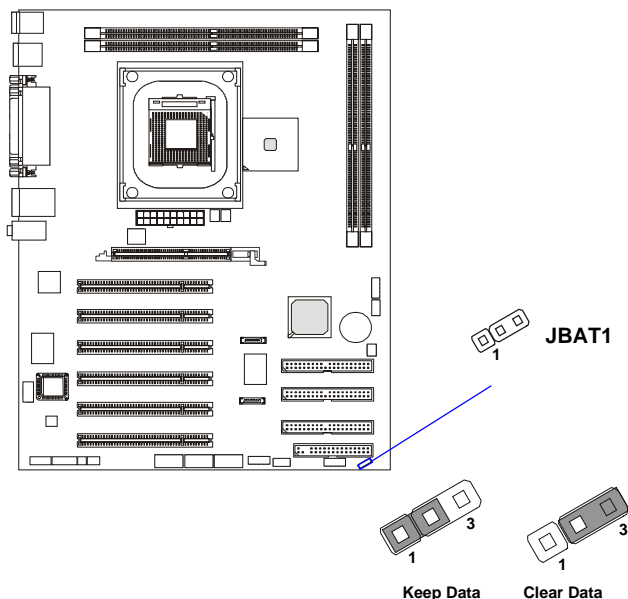


Jumpers

The motherboard provides the following jumpers for you to set the computer's function. This section will explain how to change your motherboard's function through the use of jumpers.

Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM on board that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, use the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper) to clear data. Follow the instructions below to clear the data:



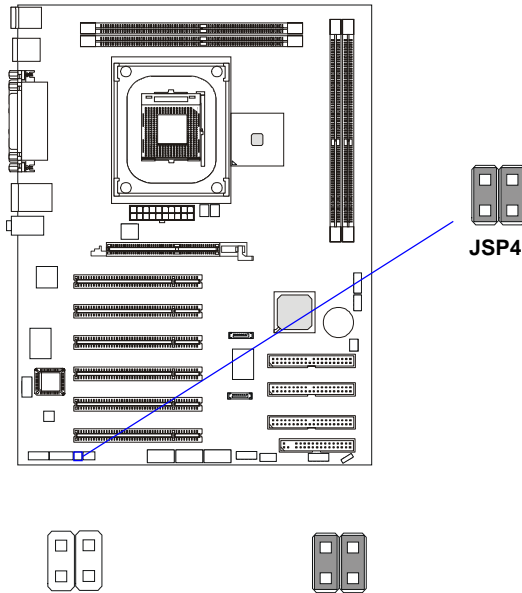
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You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.

Center/Subwoofer Speaker Setting Jumper: JSP4

This jumper helps to configure the center and subwoofer audio signals. If you have the optional S-Bracket with your mainboard, be sure to remove the jumper, otherwise the 6-channel audio will not work properly. If you do not have S-Bracket, keep the jumper on to use the 6-channel audio.

For more information on the S-Bracket, please refer p.2-20 *S-Bracket (SPDIF) Connector: JSP1 (Optional)* and the *Appendix: Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function*.



Remove the jumper if your mainboard has the optional S-Bracket.

Factory default setting.
Keep the jumper if your mainboard do not have the optional S-Bracket.

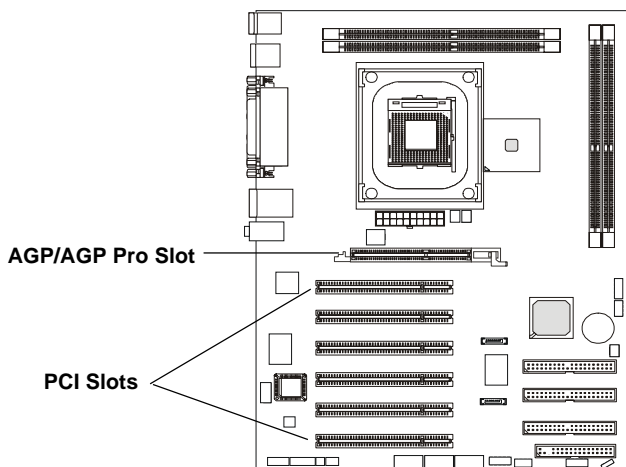


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Be sure to shut down your computer before removing the JSP4 jumper and installing the S-Bracket, or your mainboard may be damaged.

Slots

The motherboard provides one AGP slot and six 32-bit PCI bus slots.



AGP/AGP Pro (Accelerated Graphics Port) Slot

The AGP/AGP Pro slot allows you to insert the AGP graphics card. AGP is an interface specification designed for the throughput demands of 3D graphics. It introduces a 66MHz, 32-bit channel for the graphics controller to directly access main memory. The slot supports 8x/4x/2x/1x AGP card.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Slots

The PCI slots allow you to insert the expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ, acronym of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus INT A# ~ INT D# pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#
PCI Slot 2	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 3	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#
PCI Slot 4	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#
PCI Slot 5	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 6	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#



BIOS Setup

This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows you to configure the system for optimum use.

You may need to run the Setup program when:

- ◆ An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.
- ◆ You want to change the default settings for customized features.

Entering Setup

Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press key to enter Setup.

DEL: Setup F11: Boot Menu F12: Network boot TAB: Logo
F10: Flash Recovery

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Selecting the First Boot Device

You are allowed to select the 1st boot device without entering the BIOS setup utility by pressing <F11>. When the same message as listed above appears on the screen, press <F11> to trigger the boot menu.

The POST messages might pass by too quickly for you to respond in time. If so, restart the system and press <F11> after around 2 or 3 seconds to activate the boot menu similar to the following.

Select First Boot Device		
Floppy	: 1st Floppy	
IDE-0	: IBM-DTLA-307038	
CDROM	: ATAPI CD-ROM DRIVE 40X M	
[Up/Dn] Select	[RETURN] Boot	[ESC] cancel

The boot menu will list all the bootable devices. Select the one you want to boot from by using arrow keys and then pressing <Enter>. The system will boot from the selected device. The selection will not make changes to the settings in the BIOS setup utility, so next time when you power on the system, it will still use the original first boot device to boot up.

Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F6>	Load High Performance Defaults
<F7>	Load Optimized Defaults
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

Getting Help

After entering the Setup utility, the first screen you see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

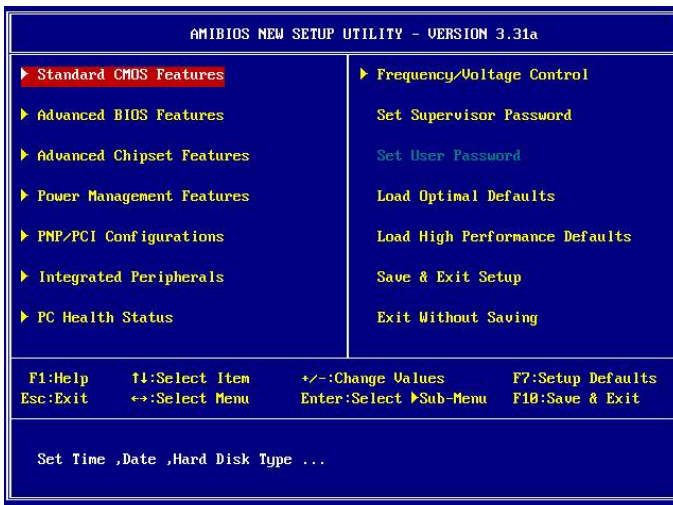
The main menu displays the setup categories the BIOS supplies. You can use the arrow keys (↑ ↓) to select the item. The on-line description for the selected setup category is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Default Settings

The BIOS setup program contains two kinds of default settings: the Optimal defaults and High Performance defaults. BIOS Setup defaults provide stable performance settings for all devices and the system, while High Performance defaults provide the best system performance but may affect the system stability.

The Main Menu

Once you enter AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY, the Main Menu will appear on the screen. The Main Menu displays twelve configurable functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.



Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date etc.

Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to setup the items of AMI® special enhanced features.

Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

Power Management Features

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

PNP/PCI Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control

PC Health Status

This entry shows your PC health status.

Set Supervisor Password

Use this menu to set Supervisor Password.

Set User Password

Use this menu to set User Password.

Load Optimal Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS values for the optimal system performance.

Load High Performance Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS values for best system performance, but the system stability may be affected.

Save & Exit Setup

Save changes to CMOS and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving

Abandon all changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items inside STANDARD CMOS SETUP menu are divided into 9 categories. Each category includes none, one or more setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item you want to modify and use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to switch to the value you prefer.

Standard CMOS Features		[Setup Help]
System Date	Nov 26 2002 Tue	Month: Jan - Dec
System Time	15:16:15	Day: 01 - 31
		Year: 1980 - 2099
▶ Primary IDE Master		
▶ Primary IDE Slave		
▶ Secondary IDE Master		
▶ Secondary IDE Slave		
Floppy Drive A	1.44 MB 3½	
Floppy Drive B	Not Installed	

F1:Help	F4:Select Item	+/-:Change Values	F7:Setup Defaults
Esc:Previous Menu	Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu	F6:Hi-Performance	

System Date

This allows you to set the system to the date that you want (usually the current date). The format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

- day** Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only.
- month** The month from Jan. through Dec.
- date** The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.
- year** The year can be adjusted by users.

System Time

This allows you to set the system time that you want (usually the current time). The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

Primary/Secondary IDE Master/Slave

Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select the hard disk drive type. The specification of hard disk drive will show up on the right hand according to your selection.

Type	Select how to define the HDD parameters
Cylinders	Enter cylinder number
Heads	Enter head number
Write Precompensation	Enter write precomp cylinder
Sectors	Enter sector number
Maximum Capacity	Read the maximal HDD capacity
LBA Mode	Select <i>Auto</i> for a hard disk > 512 MB under Windows and DOS, or <i>Disabled</i> under Netware and UNIX
Block Mode	Select <i>Auto</i> to enhance the hard disk performance
Fast Programmed I/O Modes	Select <i>Auto</i> to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing
32 Bit Transfer Mode	Enable 32 bit to maximize the IDE hard disk data transfer rate

Floppy Drive A:/B:

This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed. Available options: *Not Installed*, *1.2 MB 5¼*, *720 KB 3½*, *1.44 MB 3½* and *2.88 MB 3½*.



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This feature only protects the boot sector, not the whole hard disk.

Advanced BIOS Features

Advanced BIOS Features		[Setup Help]
Quick Boot	Enabled	
Full Screen LOGO Show	Enabled	
Anti-Virus Protection	Disabled	
► Boot Sequence		
Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.	Disabled	
Boot Up Num-Lock LED	On	
Halt On Keyboard Error	Disabled	
Swap Floppy	Disabled	
Seek Floppy	Disabled	
Security Option	Setup	
Boot OS/2 for DRAM > 64MB	No	
Internal Cache	WriteBack	
HT CPU Function	Disabled	
APIC Function	Enabled	
MPS Table Version	1.4	
F1:Help F4:Select Item +/-:Change Values F7:Setup Defaults Esc:Previous Menu Enter:Select ►Sub-Menu F6:Hi-Performance		

Quick Boot

Setting the item to *Enabled* allows the system to boot within 5 seconds by skipping some check items. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

Full Screen LOGO Show

This item enables you to show the company logo on the bootup screen. Settings are:

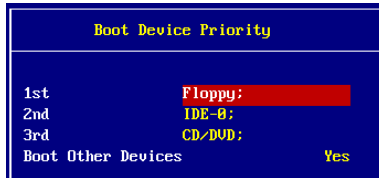
<i>Disabled</i>	Shows the POST messages at boot.
<i>Enabled</i>	Shows a still image (logo) on the full screen at boot.

Anti-Virus Protection

The item is to set the Virus Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If the function is enabled and any attempt to write data into this area is made, BIOS will display a warning message on screen and beep. Settings: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

Boot Sequence

Press <Enter> and the following sub-menu appears.



1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device

The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where AMIBIOS attempts to load the operating system. The settings are:

- IDE-0* The system will boot from the first HDD.
- IDE-1* The system will boot from the second HDD.
- IDE-2* The system will boot from the third HDD.
- IDE-3* The system will boot from the fourth HDD.
- Floppy* The system will boot from floppy drive.
- ARMD-FDD* The system will boot from any ARMD device, such as LS-120 or ZIP drive, that functions as a floppy drive.
- ARMD-HDD* The system will boot from ARMD device, such as MO or ZIP drive, that functions as hard disk drive.
- CD/DVD-0* The system will boot from the first CD/DVD ROM.
- CD/DVD-1* The system will boot from the second CD/DVD ROM.
- CD/DVD-2* The system will boot from the third CD/DVD ROM.
- CD/DVD-3* The system will boot from the 4th CD/DVD ROM.
- Legacy SCSI* The system will boot from the SCSI.
- Legacy NETWORK* The system will boot from the Network drive.
- BBS-0* The system will boot from the first BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-1* The system will boot from the second BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-2* The system will boot from the third BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-3* The system will boot from the 4th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-4* The system will boot from the 5th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-5* The system will boot from the 6th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-6* The system will boot from the 7th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.

- BBS-7** The system will boot from the 8th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-8** The system will boot from the 9th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- BBS-9** The system will boot from the 10th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
- USB FDD** The system will boot from USB-interfaced floppy drive.
- USB CDROM** The system will boot from the USB-interfaced CD-ROM.
- USB HDD** The system will boot from the USB-interfaced HDD.
- USB RMD-FDD** The system will boot from any USB-interfaced ARMD device, such as LS-120 or ZIP drive, that functions as a floppy drive.
- USB RMD-HDD** The system will boot from USB-interfaced ARMD device, such as MO or ZIP drive, that functions as hard disk drive.
- Disabled** Disable this sequence.



MSI Reminds You...

Available settings for "1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device" vary depending on the bootable devices you have installed. For example, if you did not install a floppy drive, the setting "Floppy" does not show up.

Boot Other Devices

Setting the option to *Yes* allows the system to try to boot from other devices if the system fails to boot from the 1st/2nd/3rd boot device.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

This allows you to activate the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis & Reporting Technology) capability for the hard disks. S.M.A.R.T is a utility that monitors your disk status to predict hard disk failure. This gives you an opportunity to move data from a hard disk that is going to fail to a safe place before the hard disk becomes offline. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

Boot Up Num-Lock LED

This item is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to *On* will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to *Off* will allow end users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad. Setting options: *On, Off*.

Halt On Keyboard Error

This item is to determine whether the system will stop if an keyboard error is detected. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

Swap Floppy

Setting to *Enabled* will swap floppy drives A: and B:.

Seek Floppy

This setting causes the BIOS to search for floppy disk drives at boot time. When enabled, the BIOS will activate the floppy disk drives during the boot process: the drive activity light will come on and the head will move back and forth once. First A: will be done and then B: if it exists. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled*.

Security Option

This specifies the type of AMIBIOS password protection that is implemented. Setting options are described below.

Option	Description
Setup	The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.
Always	A password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on or when end users try to run Setup.

Boot OS/2 for DRAM >64MB

This allows you to run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. When you choose *No*, you cannot run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. But it is possible if you choose *Yes*.

Internal Cache

Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for even faster access by the CPU. The setting controls the internal cache (also known as L1 or level 1 cache). Setting options: *Disabled, WriteBack, WriteThru*. *WriteBack* & *WriteThru* refer to the cache write policy, which determines how it handles writes to memory locations that are currently being held in cache. The *WriteBack* cache policy will produce the best performance.

HT CPU Function

This field is used to enable or disable the Hyper Threading function. Setting to *Enabled* will increase the system performance. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*. **Please disable this item if your operating system doesn't support HT Function, or the irreliability and unstability may occur.**



MSI Reminds You...

Enabling the functionality of Hyper-Threading Technology for your computer system requires ALL of the following platform Components:

- *CPU: A processor with HT Technology;*
- *Chipset: A chipset that supports HT Technology;*
- *BIOS: A BIOS that supports HT Technology and has it enabled;*
- and*
- *OS: An operating system that supports HT Technology.*

APIC Function

This field is used to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller). Due to compliance to PC2001 design guide, the system is able to run in APIC mode. Enabling APIC mode will expand available IRQs resources for the system. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.



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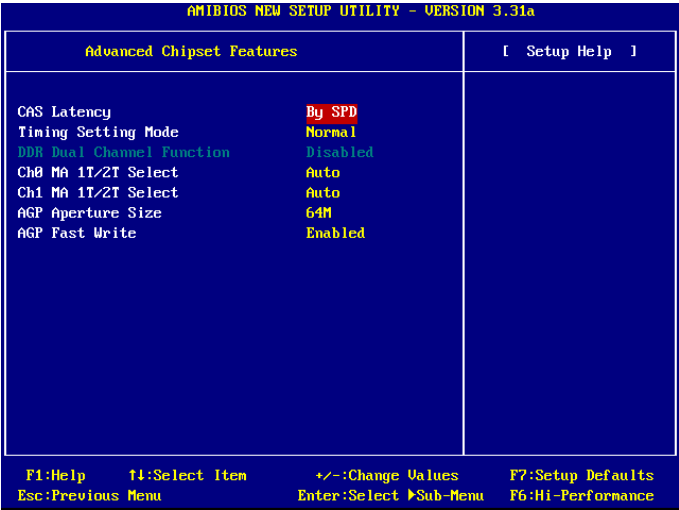
The settings here has relations with those in "HT CPU Function". Make sure your setting is correct as follows:

<i>HT CPU Function</i>			<i>APIC Function</i>
<i>If</i>	<i>Enabled</i>	<i>you may set</i>	<i>Enabled</i>
<i>If</i>	<i>Disabled</i>	<i>you may set</i>	<i>Enabled/Disabled</i>

MPS Table Version

This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. To find out which version to use, consult the vendor of your operating system. Settings: *1.4, 1.1*.

Advanced Chipset Features



MSI Reminds You...
Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

CAS Latency

The field controls the CAS latency, which determines the timing delay before SDRAM starts a read command after receiving it. Setting options: *By SPD*, *3T*, *2.5T*, *2T*. *2T* increases system performance while *2.5T* provides more stable system performance. Setting to *By SPD* enables DRAM CAS Latency automatically to be determined by BIOS based on the configurations on the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EEPROM on the DRAM module.

Timing Setting Mode

The DRAM timing is controlled by the DRAM Timing Registers. The Timings programmed into this register are dependent on the system design. Slower rates may be required in certain system designs to support loose layouts or slower memory. Setting options: *Safe*, *Normal*, *Fast*, *Turbo*, *Ultra*.

DDR Dual Channel Function

This read-only item indicates whether the DDR Dual Channel Function is enabled or disabled. If you insert two memory banks in a “L” (right angle) style (*DDR1+DDR3*, *DDR1+DDR4*, *DDR2+DDR3* or *DDR2+DDR4*), it will show *Enabled* here.

Ch0/1 MA 1T/2T Select

This setting controls the SDRAM command rate of Channel 0 and Channel 1. Selecting *Auto* allows SDRAM signal controller to run at 1T (T=clock cycles) rate. Selecting *MA1T* makes SDRAM signal controller run at 2T rate. 1T is faster than 2T. Setting options: *Auto*, *MA2T*, *MA1T*.

AGP Aperture Size

The field selects the size of the Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) aperture. Aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated for graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. The maximum AGP aperture size is half of the memory size you install.

Memory installed

1GB

512MB

AGP aperture size setting options

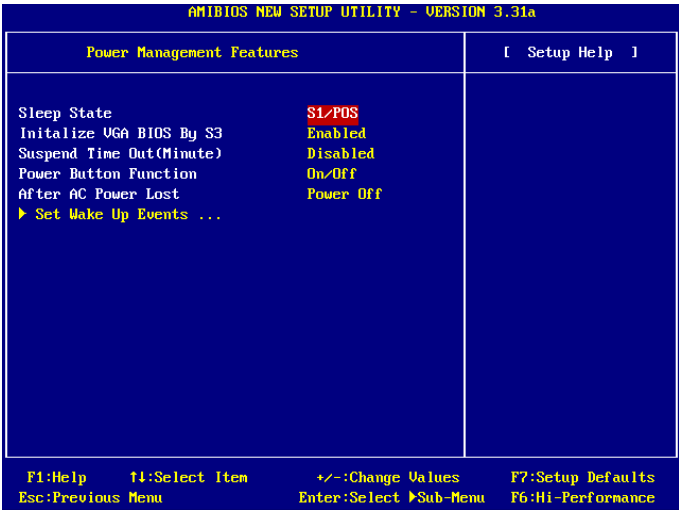
32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB

32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB

AGP Fast Write

The field enables or disables the AGP Fast Write feature. The Fast Write technology allows CPU to write directly to the graphics card without passing anything through the system memory and improves the AGP 4X speed. Select *Enabled* only when the installed AGP card supports the function. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Power Management Features



MSI Reminds You...
S3-related functions described in this section are available only when your BIOS supports S3 sleep mode.

Sleep State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. If your operating system supports ACPI, such as Windows 98SE, Windows ME and Windows 2000, you can choose to enter the Standby mode in S1(POS) or S3(STR) fashion through the setting of this field. Options are:

- S1/POS** The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware maintains all system context.
- S3/STR** The S3 sleep mode is a lower power state where the information of system configuration and open applications/files is saved to main memory that remains powered while most other hardware components turn off to save energy. The information stored in memory will be used to restore the system when a “wake up” event occurs.
- Auto** BIOS determines the best automatically.

Initialize VGA BIOS By S3

Selecting *Enabled* allows BIOS to call VGA BIOS to initialize the VGA card when system wakes up (resumes) from S3 sleep state. The system resume time is shortened when you disable the function, but system will need an AGP driver to initialize the VGA card. Therefore, if the AGP driver of the card does not support the initialization feature, the display may work abnormally or not function after resuming from S3.

Suspend Time Out (Minute)

After the selected period of system inactivity, all devices except the CPU shut off. Settings: *Disabled, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30*.

Power Button Function

This feature sets the function of the power button. Settings are:

<i>On/Off</i>	The power button functions as normal power off button.
<i>Suspend</i>	When you press the power button, the computer enters the suspend/sleep mode, but if the button is pressed for more than four seconds, the computer is turned off.

After AC Power Loss

This setting specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupt occurs. Available settings are:

<i>Power Off</i>	Leaves the computer in the power off state.
<i>Power On</i>	Leaves the computer in the power on state.
<i>Last State</i>	Restores the system to the previous status before power failure or interrupt occurred.

Set WakeUp Events

Press <Enter> and the following sub-menu appears.





MSI Reminds You...

If you have changed this setting, you must let the system boot up until it enters the operating system, before this function will work.

Wake Up On PME, Wake Up By PS/2 Mouse From S3

These fields specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

Wake Up By Keyboard From S3

The item specify how the system will be awakened from power saving mode when input signal of the keyboard is detected. If set to *Specific Key*, <Ctrl+Alt+BackSpace> is the only one Power On event. If set to *Password*, please press <Enter> to input password and its maximum password is 5 character. Setting: *Disabled, Any Key, Sepcific Key* and *Password*.

PS2 MOUSE Wake Select Mode

When *Resume on PS2 Mouse From S3* is set to *Enabled*, you may use this item to specify the PS2 mouse wake-up mode. Settings: *Click & Move, Click*.

USB Wakeup From S3

This item allows the activity of the USB device to wake up the system from S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

Resume By Alarm

This is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date from the soft off (S5) state. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

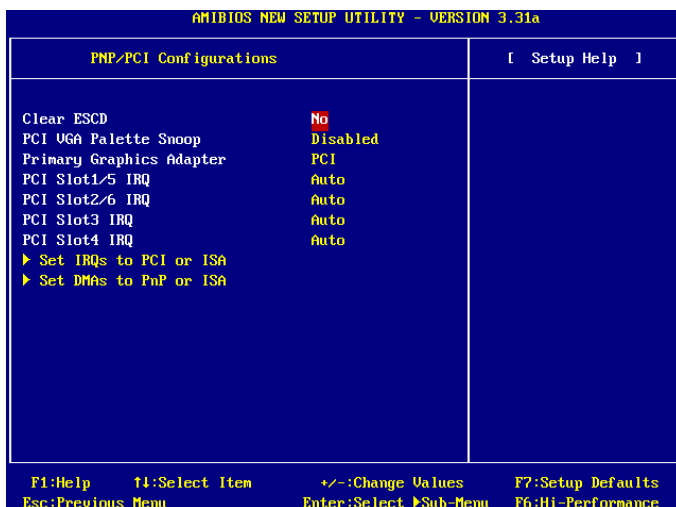
Alarm Date/Hour/Minute/Second

If *Resume By Alarm* is set to *Enabled*, the system will automatically resume (boot up) on a specific date/hour/minute/second specified in these fields. Available settings for each item are:

Alarm Date	01 ~ 31, Every Day
Alarm Hour	00 ~ 23
Alarm Minute	00 ~ 59
Alarm Second	00 ~ 59

PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system and PnP (Plug & Play) feature. PCI, or **P**eripheral **C**omponent **I**nterconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.



Clear ESCD

The ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) NVRAM (Non-volatile Random Access Memory) is where the BIOS stores resource information for both PNP and non-PNP devices in a bit string format. When the item is set to *Yes*, the system will reset ESCD NVRAM right after the system is booted up and then set the setting of the item back to *No* automatically.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

When set to *Enabled*, multiple VGA devices operating on different buses can handle data from the CPU on each set of palette registers on every video device. Bit 5 of the command register in the PCI device configuration space is the VGA Palette Snoop bit (0 is disabled). For example, if there are two VGA devices in the computer (one PCI and one ISA) and the:

VGA Palette Snoop Bit Setting	Action
<i>Disabled</i>	Data read or written by the CPU is only directed to the PCI VGA device's palette registers.
<i>Enabled</i>	Data read or written by the CPU is directed to both the PCI VGA device's palette registers and the ISA VGA device's palette registers, permitting the palette registers of both VGA devices to be identical.

The setting must be set to *Enabled* if any ISA bus adapter in the system requires VGA palette snooping.

Primary Graphics Adaptor

This setting specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adaptor. Setting options are:

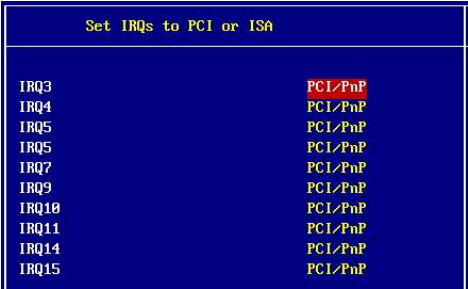
- PCI* The system initializes the installed AGP card first. If the AGP card is not available, it will initialize the PCI VGA card.
- AGP* The system initializes the installed PCI VGA card first. If the PCI VGA card is not available, it will initialize the AGP card.

PCI Slot1/5 IRQ, PCI Slot2/6 IRQ, PCI Slot3 IRQ, PCI Slot4 IRQ

These items specify the IRQ line for each PCI slot. Setting options: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, *Auto*. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the IRQ line for each PCI slot.

Set IRQs to PCI or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:



IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/14/15

These items specify the bus where the specified IRQ line is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove an IRQ from the pool of available IRQs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available IRQ pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more IRQs must be removed from the IRQ pool, the end user can use these settings to reserve the IRQ by assigning an *ISA/EISA* setting to it. Onboard I/O is configured by AMIBIOS. All IRQs used by onboard I/O are configured as *PCI/PnP*. If all IRQs are set to *ISA/EISA*, and IRQ 14/15 are allocated to the onboard PCI IDE, IRQ 9 will still be available for PCI and PnP devices. Available settings: *ISA/EISA* and *PCI/PnP*.

Set DMAs to PnP or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

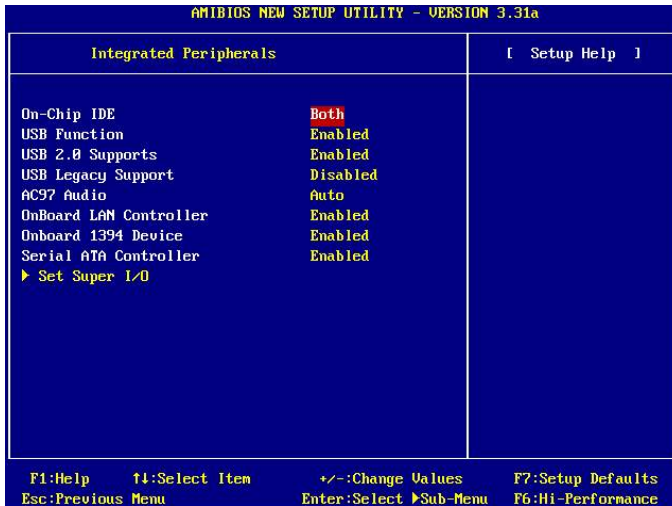
Set DMAs to Pnp or ISA	
DMA Channel 0	PnP
DMA Channel 1	PnP
DMA Channel 3	PnP
DMA Channel 5	PnP
DMA Channel 6	PnP
DMA Channel 7	PnP

DMA Channel 0/1/3/5/6/7

These items specify the bus that the system DMA (Direct Memory Access) channel is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove a DMA from the available DMAs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available DMA pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more DMAs must be removed from the pool, the end user can reserve the DMA by assigning an *ISA/EISA* setting to it.

Integrated Peripherals



Please note that the options showed on your BIOS might be different depending on the motherboard you buy.

On-Chip IDE

This setting controls the on-chip PCI IDE controllers. Setting options: *Disabled, Primary, Secondary, Both.*

USB Function

This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard USB controllers. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled.*

USB 2.0 Controller

This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard USB 2.0 controllers. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled.*

USB Legacy Support

Set to *All Device* if your need to use any USB 1.1/2.0 device in the operating system that does not support or have any USB 1.1/2.0 driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix. Set to *No Mice* only if your want to use any USB device other than the USB mouse. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

AC97 Audio

This item is used to enable or disable the onboard AC'97 (Audio Codec'97) feature. Selecting *Auto* allows the mainboard to detect whether an audio device is used. If an audio device is detected, the onboard AC'97 controller will be enabled; if not, the controller is disabled. Disable the function if you want to use other controller cards to connect an audio device. Settings: *Disabled* and *Auto*.

OnBoard LAN Controller

This item is used to enable/disable the onboard LAN controllers. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

OnBoard 1394 Device

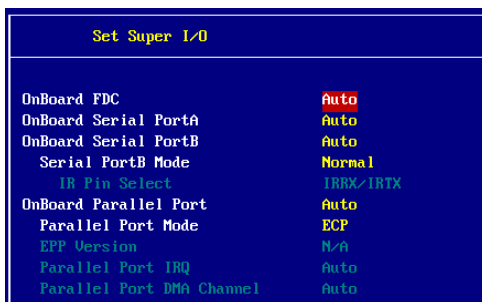
This item is used to enable/disable the onboard 1394 controllers. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Serial ATA Controller

This item is used to enable/disable the serial ATA controllers. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Set Super I/O

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:



OnBoard FDC

The item is used to enable or disable the onboard Floppy controller. Select *Enabled* when you have installed a floppy disk drive and want to use it. Options: *Auto*, *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

OnBoard Serial Port A/B

The items specify the base I/O port address and IRQ for the onboard Serial Port A / Serial Port B. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Disabled*, *3F8/COM1*, *2F8/COM2*, *3E8/COM3*, *2E8/COM4*, *Auto*.

Serial PortB Mode

This item sets the operation mode for Serial Port 2. Settings: *Normal*, *1.6 uS*, *3/16 Baud* and *ASKIR* (the last three operation modes are setting options for IR function).

IR Pin Select

Set to *IRRX/IRTX* when using an internal IR module connected to the IR connector. Set to *SINB/SOUTB*. when connecting an IR adapter to COM B.

OnBoard Parallel Port

These items specify the base I/O port addresses of the onboard parallel port. Selecting *Auto* allows AMIBIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Auto*, *378h*, *278h*, *3BCh* and *Disabled*.

Parallel Port Mode

This item selects the operation mode for the onboard parallel port: *ECP*, *Normal*, *Bi-Dir* or *EPP*.

EPP Version

The item selects the EPP version used by the parallel port if the port is set to *EPP* mode. Settings: *EPP1.7* and *EPP1.9*.

Parallel Port IRQ

When *Parallel Port* is set to *Auto*, the item shows *Auto* indicating that BIOS determines the IRQ for the parallel port automatically. Settings: 5, 7.

Parallel Port DMA Channel

This feature needs to be configured only when *Parallel Port Mode* is set to the *ECP* mode. When Parallel Port is set to *Auto*, the field will show *Auto* indicating that BIOS automatically determines the DMA channel for the parallel port. Available options: 0, 1, 3.

PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, overall system status, etc. Monitor function is available only if there is hardware monitoring mechanism onboard.

PC Health Status		[Setup Help]
CPU Temperature	49°C/120°F	
SYSTEM Temperature	44°C/111°F	
SYSTEM Fan Speed	0 RPM	
CPU Fan Speed	0 RPM	
Vcore	1.744 V	
+3.3V	3.312 V	
+5.0V	4.945 V	
+12V	11.815 V	
-12V	-11.754 V	
-5.0V	-4.424 V	
Battery	3.216 V	
CPU Fan Beep	Enabled	
F1:Help F4:Select Item +/-:Change Values F7:Setup Defaults Esc:Previous Menu Enter:Select Sub-Menu F6:Hi-Performance		

CPU/System Temperature, CPU/System Fan Speed, , Vcore, +3.3V, +5.0V, +12V, -12V, -5.0V, Battery

These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/components such as CPU voltages, temperatures and all fans' speeds.

CPU Fan Beep

The item allows you to monitor the operation of the CPU fan. Setting to *Enabled* will activate the warning beep once the system detects the malfunction/halt of the CPU fan.

Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

Frequency/Voltage Control		[Setup Help]
Spread Spectrum	Enabled	
Stop Unused PCI/DIMM Clock	Enabled	
Auto Detect CPU and DRAM Freq	Enabled	
CPU Frequency	192 MHz	
CPU/DRAM Frequency Ratio	[1:11	
DRAM Frequency	192 MHz	
AGP/PCI Frequency(MHz)	66/33	
CPU Ratio	H/W TRAP	
CPU Voltage Adjust (V)	Auto	
DRAM Voltage Adjust (V)	2.6	
AGP Voltage Adjust (V)	1.5	

F1:Help	f1:Select Item	+/-:Change Values	F7:Setup Defaults
Esc:Previous Menu		Enter:Select Sub-Menu	F6:Hi-Performance

Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at *No* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

Stop Unused PCI/DIMM Clock

This setting enables you to stop or activate the unused PCI slot & DIMM clock. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Auto Detect CPU and DRAM Freq

This item is used to auto detect the frequency of CPU and DRAM. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

CPU Frequency

This setting shows the current CPU Front Side Bus clock frequency.

CPU/DRAM Frequency Ratio

This setting controls the ratio of CPU FSB Clock & DRAM Frequency to enable the CPU & DRAM to run at different frequency combinations. Please note that the setting options vary according to the CPU FSB Clock preset. Setting options: *100MHz~250MHz* at 1MHz increment.

CPU FSB Clock	Setting Options
100-200 MHz	<i>1:1, 1:2, 2:3, 10:9, 3:4, 3:5, 4:5, 5:6, 8:9, 4:3, 5:4, 6:5</i>

DRAM Frequency

This setting shows the current frequency of DDR DRAM (read only).

AGP/PCI Frequency (MHz)

This setting allows you to select the CPU Front Side Bus clock frequency. Settings: *66/33, 68/34, 70/35, 72/36, 74/37, 76/38, 78/39, 80/40.*

CPU Ratio

This setting controls the multiplier that is used to determine the internal clock speed of the processor relative to the external or motherboard clock speed.

CPU Vcore Adjust (V)

The setting allows you to adjust the CPU Vcore voltage. Available options:

Willamette: 1.725, Auto, 1.775, 1.800, 1.825, 1.850.

Northwood: 1.475, Auto, 1.525, 1.550, 1.575, 1.600.

DRAM Vcore Adjust (V)

This setting is used to adjust the DRAM core voltage (Vcore), making overclocking possible. Setting options: *2.5V to 2.8V* at 0.1 increment.

AGP Voltage Adjust (V)

AGP voltage is adjustable in the field, allowing you to increase the performance of your AGP display card when overclocking, but the stability may be affected. Setting options: *1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8.*

Set Supervisor/User Password

When you select this function, a message as below will appear on the screen:



Type the password, up to six characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Retype the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have AMIBIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the PASSWORD CHECK option of the ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES menu. If the PASSWORD CHECK option is set to *Always*, the password is required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when you try to enter Setup.



MSI Reminds You...

About Supervisor Password & User Password:

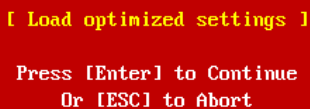
Supervisor password: Can enter and change the settings of the setup menu.

User password: Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menu.

Load Optimal/High Performance Defaults

The two options on the main menu allow users to restore all of the BIOS settings to Optimal defaults or High Performance defaults. The Optimal Defaults are the default values also set by the mainboard manufacturer for optimal performance of the mainboard. The High Performance Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer for the best system performance but probably will cause a stability issue.

When you select Optimal Performance Defaults, a message as below appears:

A red rectangular message box with a thin black border. It contains the text "[Load optimized settings]" in yellow, followed by "Press [Enter] to Continue" and "Or [ESC] to Abort" in white.

[Load optimized settings]
Press [Enter] to Continue
Or [ESC] to Abort

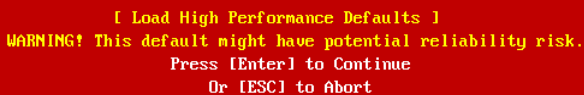
Pressing 'Enter' loads the default values that are factory settings for stable system performance.



MSI Reminds You...

The option is for power or overclocking users only. Use of high performance defaults will tighten most timings to increase the system performance. Therefore, a high-end system configuration is a must, which means you need high-quality VGA adapter, RAM and so on. We don't recommend that users should apply the high performance defaults in their regular systems. Otherwise, the system may become unstable or even crash. If the system crashes or hangs after enabling the feature, please CLEAR CMOS DATA to resolve the problem. For more information, refer to "Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1" in Chapter 2.

When you select Load High Performance Defaults, a message as below appears:

A red rectangular message box with a thin black border. It contains the text "[Load High Performance Defaults]" in yellow, followed by "WARNING! This default might have potential reliability risk." in yellow, and "Press [Enter] to Continue" and "Or [ESC] to Abort" in white.

[Load High Performance Defaults]
WARNING! This default might have potential reliability risk.
Press [Enter] to Continue
Or [ESC] to Abort

Pressing 'Enter' loads the default values that enable the best system performance but may lead to a stability issue.

Appendix A: Using 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function

The motherboard comes with C-Media 9739A AC'97 audio chip, which provides exclusive Xear 3D™ technology, a value-add PC audio total solution. In addition, C-Media designs a Universal Driver Architecture (UDA driver) which has a flexible interface so that it can be applied to different platforms and all C-Media audio chips. C-Media 9739A allows the board to attach 4 or 6 speakers for better surround sound effect. The section will tell you how to install and use 2-/4-/6-channel audio function on the board.

Installing C-Media Drivers

The mainboard is able to transform the audio connectors on the back panel from 2-channel to 4-/6-channel. To use the function, you need to install the C-Media UDA driver.

The UDA driver supports all Windows, C-Midia AC'97 CODEC, and audio controllers (south bridges) on board. Moreover, there is no operation barrier when switching to other C-Media's products.

Main Features of UDA Driver V.029:

1. Xear 3D - 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER:

- It allows users to enjoy multi-channel surround sound system with any kind of appliances including earphone (we call it **5.1 Xearphone** feature), 2, 2.1 to 5.1 speakers.
- It has an user-friendly interface to shifting virtual speakers just like moving the physical speakers literally to break through any spatial placement limitation.
- Users can adjust the best field dynamically adapted to different appliances and sound sources.
- A new multi-channel listening mode is provided: Earphone plus. You can use open-aired earphones in place of rear speakers to save the cost and setup trouble of rear speakers.

2. HRTF 3D Positional Audio : Xear 3D integrated world-standard Sensaura's CRL3D™ engine for providing the best **HRTF (Head-Related Transfer Function) 3D positional audio** and related features as follows. They are necessary for gaming and interactive applications:

- **EAX™ 1.0 & 2.0** (Creative Environment Audio eXtension has been a world-wide standard for high-quality games.)
- **A3D™ 1.0**
- **Compatible with Microsoft DirectSound 3D™ H/W & S/W**

3. Sound Effects - Environment: It provides 27 options for simulating the listening environment and get more magic and different sound field.

4. Sound Effects - Environment Size: It provides Small, Medium and Large space for every type of Environment.

5. Sound Effects - Equalizer: It offers 10-band Equalizer and 12 pre-set models like "Live", "Jazz" and so on for users to modify the frequency response of sound signals. There is also "User Defined" list for users to save their own

settings.

- 6. *Demo Program - Play3D Demo*:** It provides 5 sound sources and moving path for playing for 3D audio playing. You can feel 3D positional sound and also use this program to adjust your virtual speakers before playing 3D audio applications like gaming.
- 7. *Demo Program - Multi-channel Music*:** Multi-channel Music Demo Program has three 5.1-channel melodies for playing. You can also click on the speakers respectively to test each channel and adjust virtual speakers before playing multi-channel audio applications like DVD.

To install C-Media drivers:

- 1.** Insert the companion CD into the CD-ROM drive. The setup screen will automatically appear.
- 2.** Click on **C-Media Sound Drivers**.
- 3.** Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.
- 4.** Restart the system.

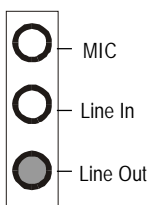
Hardware Configuration

After installing the audio driver, you are able to use the 4-/6-channel audio feature now. To enable 4- or 6-channel audio operation, first connect 4 or 6 speakers to the appropriate audio connectors, and then select 4- or 6-channel audio setting in the software utility.

There are two ways to utilize the function and connect the speakers to your computer:

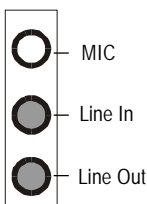
- *Use the optional S-Bracket.* If your motherboard supports S-Bracket and you have installed S-Bracket in the computer, you can connect two speakers to back panel's Line-Out connector, and the rest of speakers to S-Bracket.
- *Use the back panel only (without S-Bracket).* If you do not have a S-Bracket, you can connect all speakers to the audio connectors on the back panel.

After installing the C-Media drivers, you can attach the speakers for 4-/6-channel audio output. Always connect the speakers to the LINE OUT connectors. Different connector configurations for 2-/4-/6-channel operations are listed below:



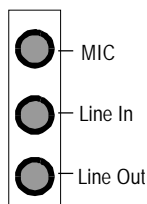
2-Channel

In 2-channel configuration, Line Out, Line In and MIC functions all exist.



4-Channel


When set to 4-channel configuration, LINE IN function DOES NOT WORK any more.



6-Channel

When set to 6-channel configuration, LINE IN and MIC functions DO NOT WORK anymore.

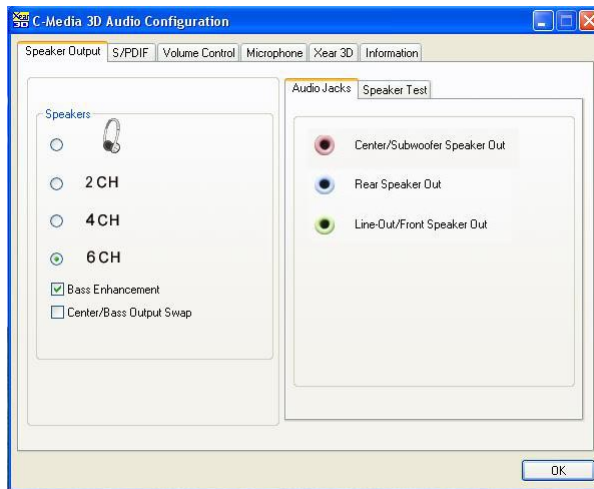
Software Configuration

To have 4-/6-channel audio work, you must set appropriate configuration in the C-Media software application. Click the C-Media Mixer icon  from the window tray on the bottom, and choose **Open**.

Then the “C-Media 3D Audio Configuration” will appear. Click on the **Speaker Output** tab to configure the audio.

Speaker Output

1. Without the optional S-Bracket:

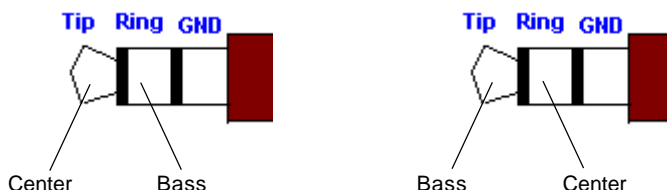


► **Bass Enhancement:** You may enable the **Bass Enhancement** option to enhance the bass signal effect, in particular for Earphone Plus Mode. It is available in 4 & 6CH setting.

In 4CH setting: Real channel => Front channel

In 6CH setting: Front and Rear channel => Independent Bass/Subwoofer channel

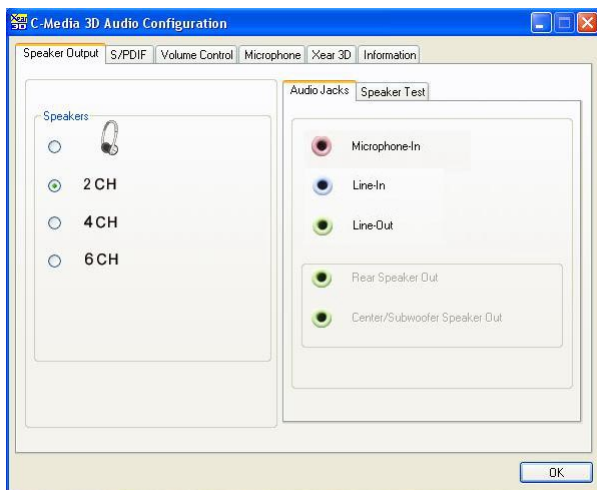
► **Center/Bass Output Swap:** Enabling this option will exchange the center/bass output channel. PC speaker manufactures define typically that the center signal is delivered by tip of the stereo plug and the bass signal is by ring of it, as the figure showed below. However, some speakers have opposite definition. Please use this option to solve the possible trouble.



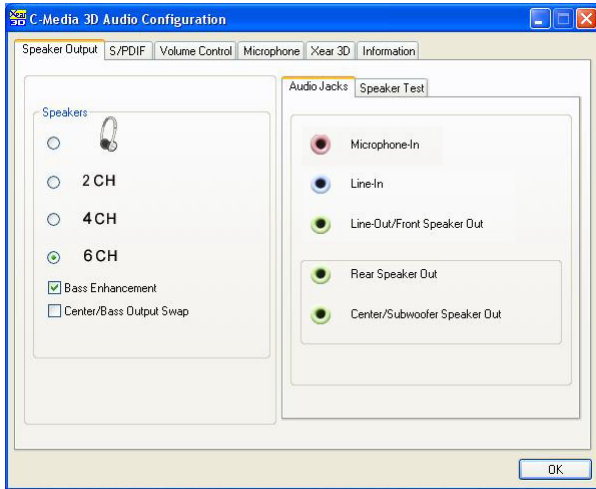
In the left side, check the radio button next to the speaker to fit your audio devices. In the **Audio Jacks** tab in the right side, the audio will function as it shows. Please confirm you have connected your hardware to correct jacks before using.

2. With the optional S-Bracket:

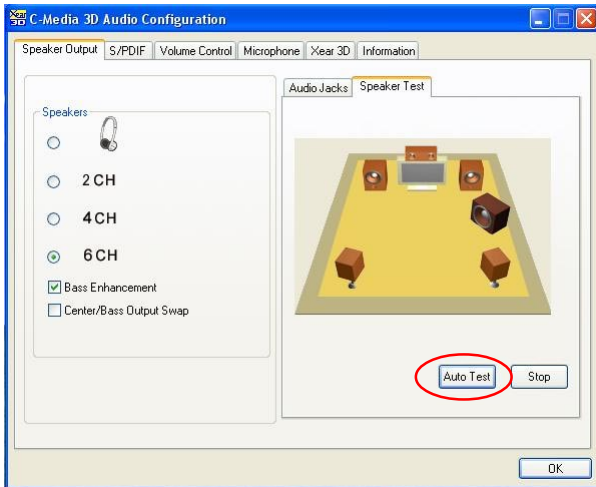
Attach the optional S-bracket and the audio output will function as the screen showed.



When you choose **6CH**, the audio output will function as the screen showed below.

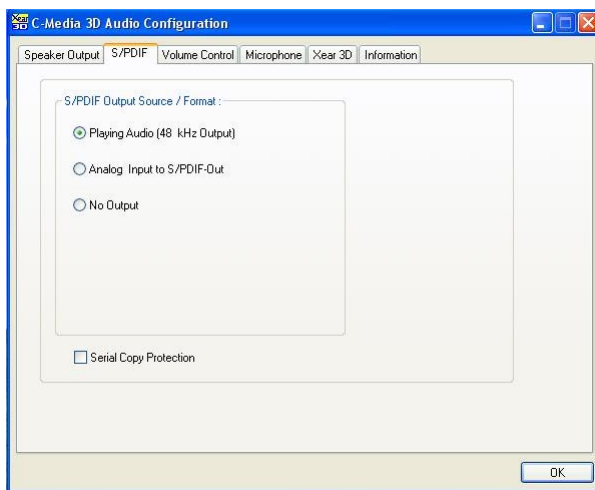


Check the **Speaker Test** tab in the right side. It shows the speaker figure and test environment complying with your speaker type settings as follows. You can click **Auto Test** button or just click each speaker for testing your audio connection. The sound will repeat unless you click **Stop**.



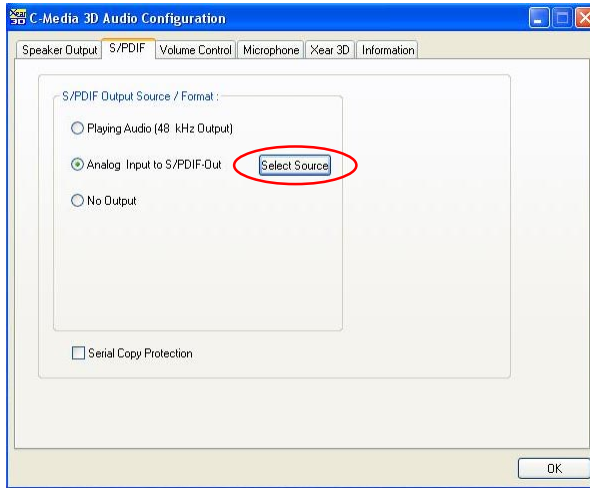
S/PDIF

Click on the **S/PDIF** tab and the following screen appears.

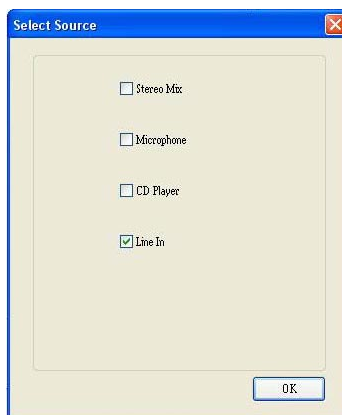


- **Playing Audio (48 kHz Output):** Playing Digital Audio to Digital S/PDIF Output. Choosing this option allows the output digital playing audio from your computer like DVD, VCD, digital CD, MP3, Wave... etc through S/PDIF in 48KHz sample rate.
- **Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out:** Convert Analog Input to Digital S/PDIF Out. This function is to convert analog input audio like Line-in, CD-in, Microphone-in signal to S/PDIF digital output in real time. This is useful to transfer the analog audio from one device to the S/PDIF interface of another such as the external decoder or the amplifier of Home Theater.
- **No Output:** C-Media AC'97 CODECs supports S/PDIF output with analog output at the same time. When choosing this option, S/PDIF output signal will be terminated. Otherwise, it would be transmitted all the time.
- **Serial Copy Protection Option:** When this option is enabled, the copyright of S/PDIF output audio data will be asserted. Therefore it can be only recorded once but can't be copied again according to SCMS (Serial Copy Management System) mandated by Audio Home Recording Act of U.S. in 1992.

Choose the **Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out** and then click the **Select Source** button. Then the **Select Source** window appears.

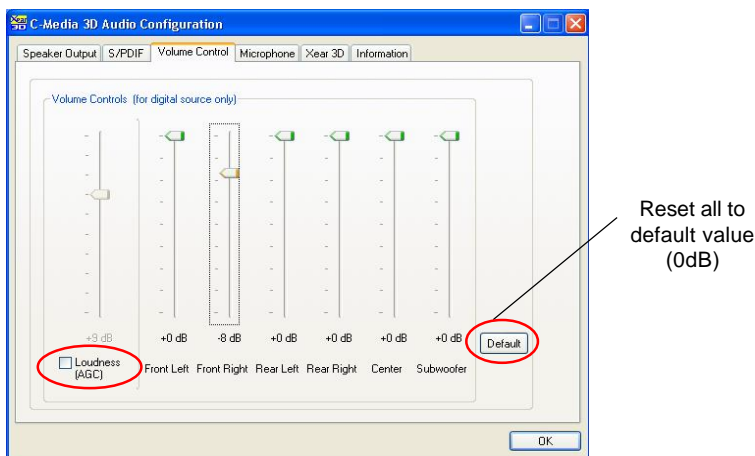


- **Select Source:** Since the analog input signal needs to be recorded and converted to digital format, you have to click **Select Source** button and select one analog source in the “Select Source” window. Actually the selected item synchronizes with the recording panel of Microsoft.



Volumn Control

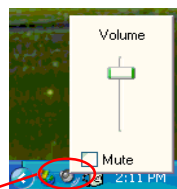
Click on the **Volumn Control** tab and the following screen appears.



You may regulate each volumn to the speaker for current playing digital sound sources. If you use 2-channel speaker, only Front Left and Front Right bars are available for you to configure. If you use 4-channel speaker, only Front Left, Front Right, Rear Left and Rear Right bars are available. In 6-channel mode, you may adjust all the speakers as showed above.

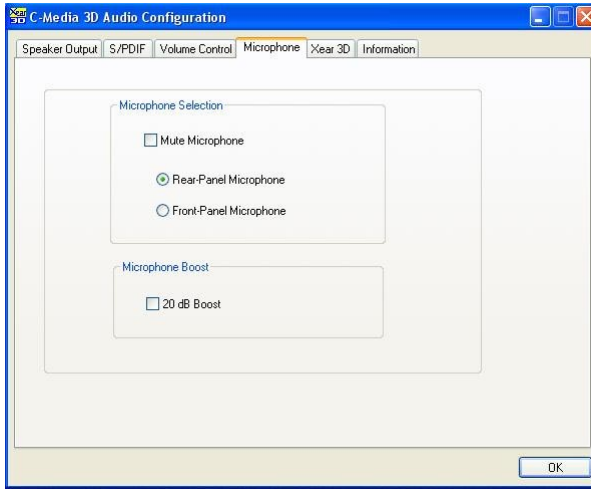
► **Loudness (AGC): Loudness w/Auto-Gain-Control:** When you want a higher volume level of digital audio, you can enable **Loudness (AGC)**. It provides extra +3dB to +12dB gain to all channels. The driver has also been designed with a sophisticated auto gain control minimizing the signal clipping distortion. However, it is not recommended to enhance the volume too much here if you want a best sound quality. The best way is to increase the volume of external speakers or just to increase the Master Volume in Microsoft Volume Control.

Left-click Microsoft "Volume Control" icon once and you'll get the Master Volume control slider.



Microphone

Click on the **Microphone** tab and the following screen appears.



- **Mute Microphone:** Check this item to disable microphone inputs.
- **Microphone Selection:** You may select the microphone input you are going to use. But if your system does not support 2 microphone inputs, then you won't see two items.

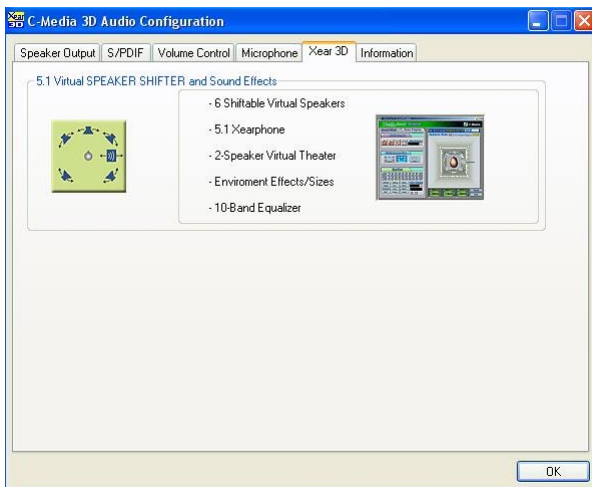
The rear-panel microphone jack is sometimes shared by center/subwoofer output and will be grayed as below: when you set 6CH speaker output. At this moment, you can still use front-panel microphone.




- **Microphone Boost:** Check this item to enhance microphone volume by +20dB.

Xear 3D

Click on the **Xear 3D** tab and the following screen appears.

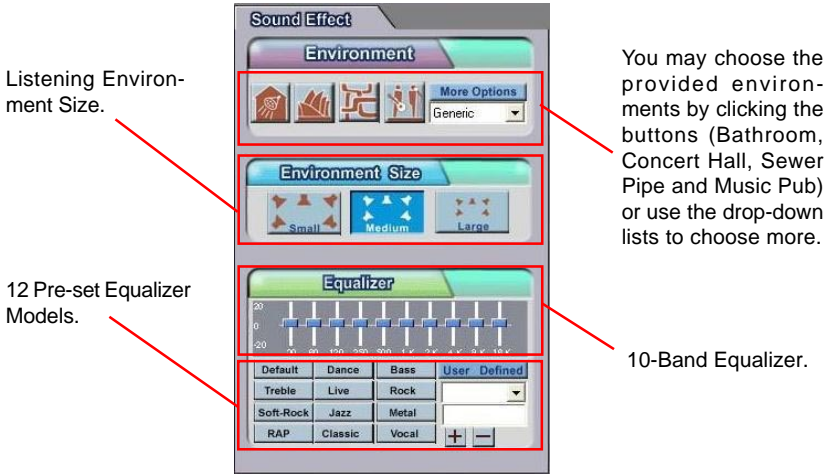


C-Media UDA driver now supports **Xear 3D-5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIRFTER** and sound effects. Just click the left button  in Xear 3D tab and the new friendly/fancy graphic user interface will pop up as follows.



1. Sound Effect

From this part, you may choose the sound effect you like from 27 environment effects, 3 environment sizes and 10-band pre-set equalizer.



2. Demo Program

This part contains multi-channel music (including speakers testing) demo program.

3 pieces of 5.1-channel music for your selection.



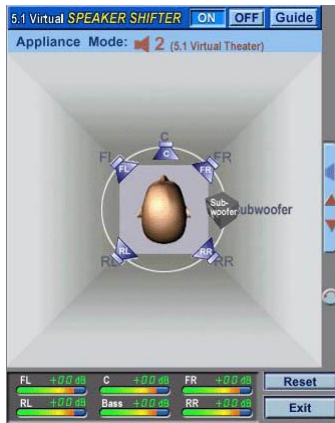
5.1-channel speaker environment.

You may click each speaker to get one channel sound. If it has sound, it will be lighted up. You may also click each speaker to test your connection/configuration. Moreover, it can help you to adjust your virtual speakers for multi-channel audio applications, like DVD.

3. Xear 3D-5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER

This part provides an advanced, amazing and considerate feature-dynamically adjustable multi-channel sound system no matter what listening appliance you are using and what application you are running.

The default setting for SPEAKER SHIFTER is OFF, thus you have to click on it to make it ON, in which all the speakers are available to adjust.

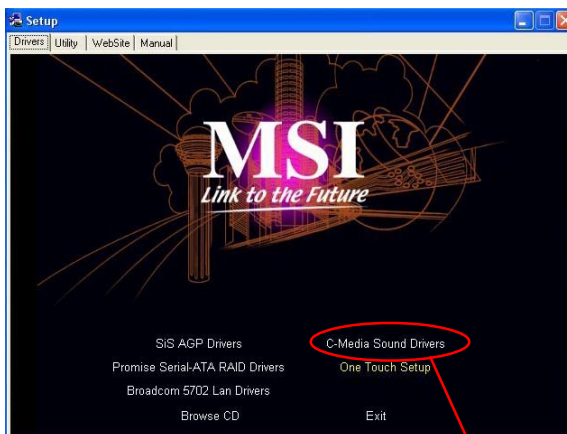


You may move Front-Left, Front-Right, Rear-Left, Rear-Right virtual speakers to anywhere. Center is usually for Voice in DVD and just suitable to move in vertical to keep the sound in the center. Subwoofer signal is directionless low-frequency sound to human ears. Thus, please move it horizontally to express strength or weakness.

Xear 3D- Play3D Demo

Xear 3D Advanced Program also provides interesting Play3D demo programs for helping you configure your audio environment.

If you click **One Touch Setup** during the setup procedure when you insert the MSI software driver, you may only see the **Sound Effect** tab in the Xear 3D Advanced Program. **Demo Program** will not be installed automatically. Please click **C-Media Sound Drivers** again for the complete installation of C-Media applications. *Please note the Setup screen may be different as showed as following depending on the mainboard you purchase.*



Click here for the complete installation of C-Media applications.

After installing the program, you will find the program from the path: Start->Programs->C-Media 3D Audio->Play3D Demo Program.

The Xear3D Sound - Play3D Demo program is showed as follows:



Five built-in Sound Sources.

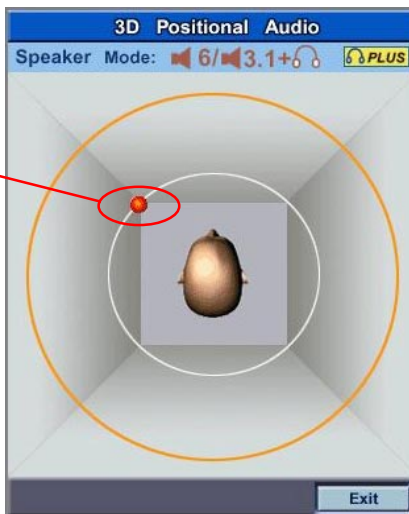
Six Environment Effects, which will synchronize with the Environment setting on "Sound Effect" part.



Five Moving Paths.

In the **Moving Path** selection, you may adjust your virtual speakers before playing 3D audio applications like gaming. When clicking each of the **Moving Path** icons (Drag Path, Horizontal Circle, Vertical Circle, Z Path and Random Curve), a real moving ball indicates the 3D source position. The **Drag Path** is recommended because it's the most flexible one.

3D Sound Source position indicator.



Using 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function

Attaching Speakers

To perform multichannel audio operation, connect multiple speakers to the system. You should connect the same number of speakers as the audio channels you will select in the software utility.

Using S-BRACKET connectors:

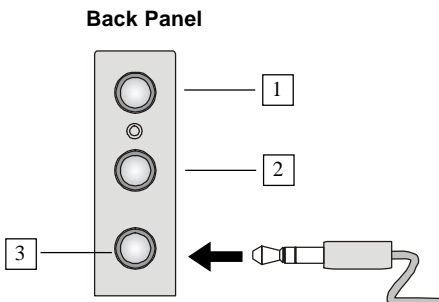
S-Bracket is an optional accessory. It gives access to analog and digital audio output by integrating both SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interface) and analog LINE OUT connectors. To use the S-Bracket, you should select correct setting in the software utility. For information about the setting, refer to *Selecting 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Setting* later in the section.

Connector configurations for 2-, 4- and 6-channel using S-Bracket are described below:

2-Channel Analog Audio Output

We recommend that you should still attach the speakers to BACK PANEL's Line Out connector during 2-channel audio mode even though S-Bracket's Line Out connectors function properly.

- 1 MIC
- 2 Line In
- 3 Line Out (*Front channels*)

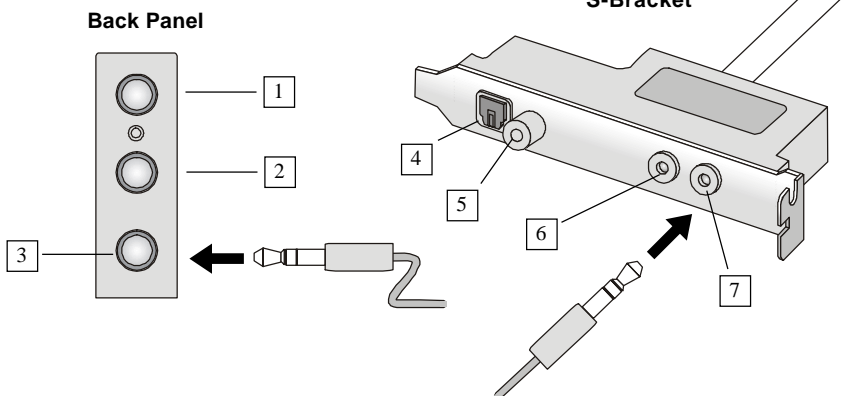


4-Channel Analog Audio Output

- 1 MIC
- 2 Line In
- 3 Line Out (*Front channels*)
- 4 Optical SPDIF jack
- 5 Coaxial SPDIF jack
- 6 Line Out (*Center and Subwoofer channel, but no functioning in this mode*)
- 7 Line Out (*Rear channels*)

Description:

Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector and two speakers to one Line Out connector of S-Bracket.

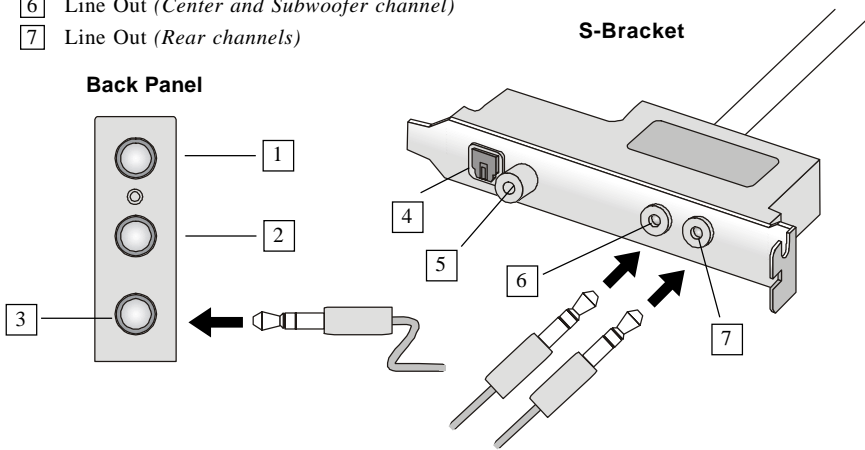


6-Channel Analog Audio Output

- 1** MIC
- 2** Line In
- 3** Line Out (*Front channels*)
- 4** Optical SPDIF jack
- 5** Coaxial SPDIF jack
- 6** Line Out (*Center and Subwoofer channel*)
- 7** Line Out (*Rear channels*)

Description:

Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector and four speakers to both Line Out connectors of S-Bracket.



Digital Audio Output (2-Channel only)

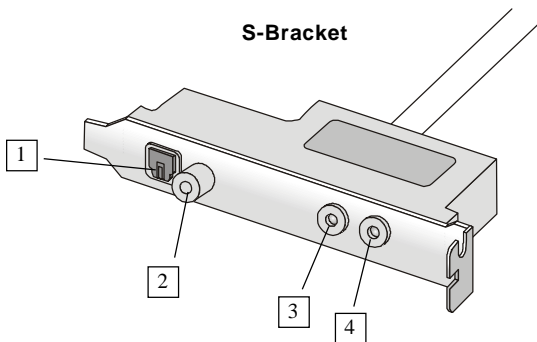
For digital audio output, use the SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interface) connectors supplied by *S-Bracket*. First, connect the SPDIF speakers to the appropriate SPDIF jack, and then select the audio channel you desire through the control panel of speakers. The SPDIF connectors support 2-channel audio operation only.

S-Bracket offers two types of SPDIF jacks: one for fiber-optic cable and the other for coaxial cable. Select the connector according to the type of your SPDIF speakers.

- 1** Optical SPDIF jack
- 2** Coaxial SPDIF jack
- 3** Line Out
- 4** Line Out

Description:

Select the correct type of SPDIF jack to connect SPDIF speakers. For optical connection, remove the plug from the S-Bracket before inserting the fiber-optic cable to it.



Troubleshooting

Q: Where will I find the model number of the mainboard?

A: There are two places where you can find the model number of the mainboard:

1. Somewhere between the PCI slots you shall find MS-xxxx or the marketing name like “K7T Turbo”. You can also find the version number beside it.
2. At the back cover of the user's manual.

Q: What do you mean by PCB version 1?

A: PCB is printed circuit board. Saying PCB version 1 is the same as saying motherboard version 1.

Q: Why does my AMD 133FSB cannot be autodetected by the mainboard?

A: Due to AMD CPU design, CPU FSB 133 will not be autodetected by the motherboard. So user need to set the FSB manually to 133.

Q: Why my motherboard BIOS sticker is "Phoenix BIOS" but when I boot up my system I saw that "Award BIOS" is being used?

A: Phoenix & Award already merged as one company. All MSI motherboard using Award BIOS comes with Phoenix logo sticker.

Q: How do I know what MSI D-LED or D-bracket light mean?

A: Please follow the special tech issue, http://www.msi.com.tw/support/techexpress/special_tech/smartled.htm

Q: I have got MSI Motherboard and when it says detecting drives, it detects them but says an error saying "Primary IDE Channel no 80 Conductor Cable Installed"

A: This is not a problem. It merely means that you're using an ATA-66 or ATA-100 HDD, but you're using the conductor 40 ATA-33 cable.

Q: I have high speed CPU cooling fan like Taisol CGK760092, Vantec CCK-6035D & GlobalWin WBK38. Can I install the fan directly to the motherboard?

A: We strongly recommend that you do NOT connect those described CPU fan directly to your motherboard, as it draws so much power, that it could damage it. Please use a 3-Pin to 4-Pin Cable that comes together with the fan.

Q: Can I use more than 512MB memory on Win9x or WinME?

A: No, you can't. You can only use more than 512MB memory on Win2000 or WinXP. This is a Microsoft OS issue. Please check <http://support/microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/Q108/0/79.ASP>

Q: I have tried to download the MSI Live Update utility from <http://www.msi.com.tw/support/liveupdate/livedriver.htm> but it keeps on failing?

A: This can be solved by one of the following suggestions: 1. Dont install zonealarm 2. Disable "WebTrap" of PC-cillion 2000 3. Disable any web based anti-virus Software.

Q: Can Live Update Series support WinXP?

A: Live Update Series version 215 can support WinXP. Download it from <http://www.msi.com.tw/support/liveupdate/livedriver.htm>

Q: After flashing the BIOS, my system for unknown reason dont want to boot, what should I do?

A: Please refer to the following suggestions: 1. Try the BIOS boot recovery feature as described in <http://www.msi.com.tw/support/bios/boot.htm> 2. Try to clear the CMOS If problem still persists, ask your reseller for new BIOS chip or contact one of MSI office near your place for new BIOS chip <http://www.msi.com.tw/contact/main.htm>

Q: Should I update my BIOS, once a new BIOS is released?

A: A new BIOS is usually released due to the following reasons:

1. New function is supported
2. New BIOS source code
3. Bugs are found
4. Customer-specific request

When we release a new BIOS, there's usually a release note attached which lists the reason for the release. Refer to this release note and decide for yourself if upgrading to the new BIOS will be worth it. A word of advice, though, do not upgrade to the new BIOS, unless you really have to.

Q: How do I update the BIOS?

A: Please refer to <http://www.msi.com.tw/support/bios/note.htm> for details.

Q: How do I identify the BIOS version?

A: Upon boot-up, the 1st line appearing after the memory count is the BIOS version. It is usually in the format:

1. For older model number:

AG76091096 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI(R) W = AWARD(R) P = PHOENIX (R).

2nd digit refers to the internal chipset code.

3rd digit refers to the processor class as 5 = 486, 7 = 586, 8 = 686.

4th digit is incremental.

091096 refers to the date this BIOS is released.

2. For newer model number:

W5139MS V1.0 091096 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI(R) W = AWARD(R) P = PHOENIX (R).

2nd - 5th digit refers to the model number.

6th - 7th digit refers to the customer as MS = all standard customers.

V1.0 refers to the BIOS version.

091096 refers to the date this BIOS is released.

Q: After flashing the bios and rebooting the system, the screen went blank.

A: *For AMI BIOS*

Rename the desired AMI BIOS file to AMIBOOT.ROM and save it on a floppy disk. e.g. Rename A569MS23.ROM to AMIBOOT.ROM

Insert this floppy disk in the floppy drive. Turn On the system and press and hold Ctrl-Home to force update. It will read the AMIBOOT.ROM file and recover the BIOS from the A drive.

When 4 beeps are heard you may remove the floppy disk and restart the computer.

For Award BIOS

Make a bootable floppy disk

Copy the Award flash utility & BIOS file to the said floppy disk

Create an autoexec.bat with "awdfl535 biosfilename" in the content e.g.
awdfl535a619mj21.bin

Boot up system with the said floppy (it will take less than 2 minutes before screen comes out)

Re-flash the BIOS & reboot.

Glossary

ACPI (*Advanced Configuration & Power Interface*)

This power management specification enables the OS (operating system) to control the amount of power given to each device attached to the computer. Windows 98/98SE, Windows 2000 and Windows ME can fully support ACPI to allow users managing the system power flexibly.

AGP (*Accelerated Graphics Port*)

A new, high-speed graphics interface that based on PCI construction and designed especially for the throughput demands of 3-D graphics. AGP provides a direct channel (32-bit wide bus) between the display controller and main memory for high graphics quality and performance.

Bluetooth

Bluetooth refers to a worldwide standard for the wireless exchange of data between two devices. Bluetooth requires that a low-cost transceiver chip be included in each device. The transceiver transmits and receives in a previously unused frequency band of 2.45 GHz that is available globally (with some variation of bandwidth in different countries). In addition to data, up to three voice channels are available. Each device has a unique 48-bit address from the IEEE 802 standard. Connections can be point-to-point or multipoint. The maximum range is 10 meters. Data can be exchanged at a rate of 1 megabit per second (up to 2 Mbps in the second generation of the technology).

BIOS (*Basic Input/Output System*)

On PCs, an essential software that contains all the control code of input/output interface (such as keyboard, disk drives, etc.). It executes hardware test on booting the system, starts the OS, and provides an interface between the OS and the components. The BIOS is stored in a ROM chip.

Bus

A set of hardware lines within the computer system, through which the data is transferred among different components. In a PC, the term **bus** usually refers to a local bus that connects the internal components to the CPU and main memory.

Cache

A special memory subsystem that is used to speed up the data transfer. It stores the

contents of frequently accessed RAM locations and the addresses where these data items are stored.

Chipset

A collection of integrated chips designed to perform one or more related functions. For example, a modem chipset contains all the primary circuits for transmitting and receiving data; a PC chipset provides the electronic interfaces between all subsystems.

Clock Cycle

Clock cycle (or tick) is the smallest unit of time recognized by a device. For personal computers, clock cycles generally refer to the main system clock, which runs at 66 MHz. This means that there are 66 million clock cycles per second. Since modern CPUs run much faster (up to 533 MHz), the CPU can execute several instructions in a single clock tick.

CMOS (*Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor*)

CMOS is a widely used type of semiconductor, which features high speed and low power consumption. PCs usually contain a small amount of battery-powered CMOS memory to retain the date, time, and system setup parameters.

DRAM (*Dynamic RAM*)

A most common type of computer memory. It usually uses one transistor and a capacitor to represent a bit. As the development of technology, the memory type and specification used in computer becomes variety, such as SDRAM, DDR SDRAM, and RDRAM. For further instruction, please see the table below:

Dynamic RAM (DRAM) Memory Technologies					
Type	First Used	Clock Rate	Bus* Width	Peak Bandwidth	Volts
FPM (60,70ns)	1990	25MHz	64 bits	200 MBps	5v
EDO (50,60,70ns)	1994	40MHz	64 bits	320 MBps	5v
SDRAM (66MHz)	1996	66MHz	64 bits	528 MBps	3.3v
SDRAM (100MHz)	1998	100MHz	64 bits	800 MBps	3.3v
SDRAM (133MHz)	1999	133MHz	64 bits	1.1 GBps	3.3v
RDRAM (Direct Rambus)	1999	400MHz	16 bits	1.6 GBps	2.5v
DDR SDRAM (100MHz)	2000	100MHz	64 bits	1.6 GBps	3.3v
DDR SDRAM (133MHz)	2000	133MHz	64 bits	2.1 GBps	3.3v
* Memory channel width (64 bits started with 75MHz Pentium)					

Source: *Computer Desktop Encyclopedia*

ECC Memory (*Error Correcting Code Memory*)

A type of memory that contains special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data and correcting the errors on the fly.

EEPROM

Acronym for Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory. An EEPROM is a special type of PROM that can be erased by exposing it to an electrical charge. Like other types of PROM, EEPROM retains its contents even when the power is turned off. Also like other types of ROM, EEPROM is not as fast as RAM. EEPROM is similar to flash memory (sometimes called flash EEPROM). The principal difference is that EEPROM requires data to be written or erased one byte at a time whereas flash memory allows data to be written or erased in blocks. This makes flash memory faster.

EIDE

Short for Enhanced IDE, a newer version of the IDE mass storage device interface standard developed by Western Digital Corporation. It supports data rates of between 4 and 16.6 MBps, about three to four times faster than the old IDE standard. In addition, it can support mass storage devices of up to 8.4 gigabytes, whereas the old standard was limited to 528 MB. Because of its lower cost, enhanced EIDE has replaced SCSI in many areas. There are four EIDE modes defined. The most common is Mode 4, which supports transfer rates of 16.6 MBps. There is also a new mode, called ATA-3 or Ultra ATA, that supports transfer rates of 33 MBps.

EISA (*Extended Industry Standard Architecture*)

EISA is a standard bus (computer interconnection) architecture that extends the ISA standard to a 32-bit interface. It was developed in part as an open alternative to the proprietary Micro Channel Architecture (MCA) that IBM introduced in its PS/2 computers. EISA data transfer can reach a peak of 33 megabytes per second.

ESCD (*Extended System Configuration Data*)

It is a format for storing information about Plug-and-Play (PnP) devices in the BIOS. Windows and the BIOS access the ESCD area each time you re-boot your computer

External Cache

Short for Level 2 cache, cache memory that is external to the microprocessor. In general, L2 cache memory, also called the secondary cache, resides on a separate chip from the microprocessor chip. Although, more and more microprocessors are including L2 caches into their architectures.

IDE (*Integrated Drive Electronics*)

A type of disk-drive interface widely used to connect hard disks, CD-ROMs and tape drives to a PC, in which the controller electronics is integrated into the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card. The IDE interface is known as the ATA (AT Attachment) specification.

IEEE 1394

A new, high speed external bus standard, also known as **FireWire** or **iLink**, which supports data transfer rates of up to 400 Mbps for connecting up to 63 external devices.

Internal Cache

Short for Level 1 cache, a memory cache built into the microprocessor. The L1 cache is also called the primary cache.

IrDA (*Infrared Data Association*)

A group of device vendors, including computer, component and telecommunications, who have developed a standard for transmitting data via infrared light waves. This enables you to transfer data from one device to another without any cables.

IRQ (*Interrupt Request Line*)

IRQs are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. When you add a new device to a PC, you sometimes need to set its IRQ number by setting a DIP switch. This specifies which interrupt line the device may use. IRQ conflicts used to be a common problem when adding expansion boards, but the Plug-and-Play specification has removed this headache in most cases.

ISA (*Industry Standard Architecture*)

ISA is a standard bus (computer interconnection) architecture that is associated with the IBM AT motherboard. It allows 16 bits at a time to flow between the motherboard circuitry and an expansion slot card and its associated device(s). Also see EISA and MCA.

LAN (*Local Area Network*)

A computer network that covers a relatively smaller area, such as in a building or an enterprise. It is made up of servers, workstations, shared resources, a network operating system and a communications link. These individual PCs and devices on a LAN are known as “nodes”, and are connected by cables to access data and devices anywhere on the LAN, so that many users can share expensive devices and data.

LBA (*Logical Block Addressing*)

Logical block addressing is a technique that allows a computer to address a hard disk larger than 528 megabytes. A logical block address is a 28-bit value that maps to a specific cylinder-head-sector address on the disk. 28 bits allows sufficient variation to specify addresses on a hard disk up to 8.4 gigabytes in data storage capacity. Logical block addressing is one of the defining features of Enhanced IDE (EIDE), a hard disk interface to the computer bus or data paths.

LED (*Light Emitting Diode*)

A semiconductor device that converts electrical energy into light. Since it lights up (usually red) when electricity is passed through it, it is usually used for the activity lights on computer's component, such as disk drivers.

LPT (*Line Printer Terminal*)

Logical device name for a line printer; a name reserved by the MS-DOS for up to three parallel printer ports: LPT1, LPT2, and LPT3. It is frequently used by the OS to identify a printer.

Overclocking

Overclocking is resetting your computer so that the microprocessor runs faster than the manufacturer-specified speed (for example, setting an Intel 166 MHz (megahertz) microprocessor to run at 200 Mhz).

PCI (*Peripheral Component Interconnect*)

A local bus standard developed by Intel that first appeared on PCs in late 1993. PCI provides "plug and play" capability and allows IRQs to be shared. The PCI controller can exchange data with the system's CPU either 32 bits or 64 bits at a time.

PnP (*Plug and Play*)

A set of specifications that allows a PC to configure itself automatically to work with peripherals. The user can "plug" in a peripheral device and "play" it without configuring the system manually. To implement this useful feature, both the BIOS that supports PnP and a PnP expansion card are required.

POST (*Power On Self Test*)

During booting up your system, the BIOS executes a series of diagnostic tests, include checking the RAM, the keyboard, the disk drives, etc., to see if they are properly connected and operating.

PS/2 Port

A type of port developed by IBM for connecting a mouse or keyboard to a PC. The PS/2 port supports a mini DIN plug containing just 6 pins. Most modern PCs equipped with PS/2 ports so that the special port can be used by another device, such as a modem.

RAID

RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks; originally Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks) is a way of storing the same data in different places (thus, redundantly) on multiple hard disks. By placing data on multiple disks, I/O operations can overlap in a balanced way, improving performance. Since multiple disks increases the mean time between failure (MTBF), storing data redundantly also increases fault-tolerance.

SCSI

Acronym for Small Computer System Interface. Pronounced "scuzzy," SCSI is a parallel interface standard used by Apple Macintosh computers, PCs, and many UNIX systems for attaching peripheral devices to computers. SCSI interfaces provide for faster data transmission rates (up to 80 megabytes per second) than standard serial and parallel ports. In addition, you can attach many devices to a single SCSI port, so that SCSI is really an I/O bus rather than simply an interface.

USB (*Universal Serial Bus*)

A hardware interface for low-speed peripherals such as the keyboard, mouse, joystick, etc. USB provides a maximum bandwidth of 12 Mbit/sec (Mbps) for connecting up to 127 peripheral devices to PC. USB features hot swap capability and multiple data streams, allows external devices to be plugged in and unplugged without turning the system off.

Virus

A program or a piece of code that infects computer files by inserting in those files copies of itself. The virus code is buried within an existing program, and is activated when that program is executed. All the viruses are man-made, and often have damaging side effects.

WLAN

Acronym for wireless local-area network. Also referred to as LAWN. A type of local-area network that uses high-frequency radio waves rather than wires to communicate between nodes.